

Grand Master's Newsletter

July 2019



From the Grand Master

Welcome to this first edition of the Grand Master's Newsletter. It is my hope that the Newsletter will be published periodically to keep us all informed of various items of common interest, and provide us with early notice of Grand Lodge events. The Newsletter will be available to all members and can be used by the Lodge Secretary as an insert to your regular Notice Paper.

I trust that you will find the content interesting and that it will be a constant reminder that all things in life should be treated with Integrity, Loyalty and Respect.



It's fine and good to see the Grand Master's Task Team doing stuff for the Twin Towns, Guyra, Narromine, Bland and Wagga Wagga but what can it do for little old Lodge Howick*? We feel forgotten and neglected.

Fair question...

We know that Lodge Howick has

been proactive and has sorted out its roofing issues and the potential financial hurdles of the heritage roof tiles. So, the Grand Master's Task Team is eager to help you with the next steps. We don't have unlimited funds so consider the following ideas.

- 1 A paint job. A couple of coats of paint has made Guyra look pretty terrific and we have provided Bland with 73 litres of paint and that's work in progress.
- 2 Council may not allow you to attach an illuminated LED square and compasses to your heritage building but you might erect a



Balmain turns 160

Lodge Balmain No 28 is an interesting lodge with a 'seafaring past'. Clearly a popular lodge in District 23 and deservedly so with an indefinable sense of brotherhood: and that is what Freemasonry is all about.

The Grand Master accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and a wonderful Grand Lodge Delegation attended Lodge Balmain on Thursday, 11 July 2019. It was the Lodge's 160th year celebration and the first Installation of W Bro Arthur Paschalidis.

On his address, the Grand Master emphasised brotherhood and he spoke to specific people, making the evening personal for all who attended.

frame in the forecourt and fix the square and compasses to it. The frame could also bear an illuminated meeting notice board. It would attract attention and be really informative.

- 3 A few giant pots out front would enable you to grow some native bushes – something green and drought-resistant to 'soften' the bricks and mortar facade of the Howick Masonic Centre.
- 4 And with a bit of negotiation you might 'open it' with an evening cocktail party and the Grand Master might even come – think of the PR opportunities!

* We have used a fictitious lodge name.



GM at the QLD Grand Installation

The MW Grand Master Derek James Robson and his partner Gael travelled to QLD on the 6th of July where they attended the Grand Lodge Of QLD's Grand Installation.

Our Grand Master and Gael were accompanied by over 40 Brethren and ladies who all had a fantastic time seeing Most Worshipful Bro Paul Holland installed as the new Grand Master of QLD.

The GM lead a large NSW delegation to the QLD's Grand Installation

MW Bro Robson was accompanied by a Grand Delegation of 28 NSW Brethren who travelled from all over NSW to be in attendance, our Grand Master was truly humbled at the wonderful support from the Brethren and Ladies who flew the NSW Flag on this important and momentous occasion. The evening personal for all who attended.



60 years of a good laugh

In a recent visit to Ballina the Grand Master MW Bro Derek Robson AM had the pleasure to present RW Bro George Pearse with 60 years service jewel. Being a Freemason for 60 years might explain the secret to George's contagious laughter.



Following the recent decision by the Board of Management to conduct a trial of streaming the Grand Communications via internet over the next twelve months, the Grand Secretariat now seeks "Expressions of Interest" from regional lodges or building owners to participate in the streaming of the quarterly Grand Lodge Communications.

Most of the centres that presented the March 2019 Grand Communication have indicated a

desire to continue in the trial.

However, it is hoped that the streaming of the next Grand Communications can be extended to other country areas of the Jurisdiction.

Please send your applications to info@masons.org.au with subject line as "Streaming - Expression of Interest" by close of business Friday, 2nd August 2019.



Kensington District meeting organised by VW Bro George Shenouda was a great example of how the Masonic spirit can rise to the challenge, interact with the community and help those in need.

All lodges from the District 37 came together and raised \$16,500 for the Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick.



Lodge Canberra Unity No 465 welcomed a particularly large Grand Lodge delegation to witness a splendid Installation in an overflowing lodge room.

RW Bro Harry Hepburn did a wonderful job installing W Bro Damien Donovan as Worshipful Master and paving a bright future for Freemasonry in the Australian Capital Territory.



The Grand Master and his delegation enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Installation of Lodge Fire Brigades No 940 and wishes this lodge of community leaders every success for the ensuing masonic year.