

# GRAND MASTER'S

## NEWSLETTER

### *Our Treasured Obligations*



There is something special about becoming a Freemason.

From our first exposure to the words of the First Degree, and of our own free will and accord, it becomes very clear that we have entered a principled body of men who have readily accepted exposure to the wonderful Tenets and Principles of the Craft.

Importantly, we committed to devoting ourselves to such further pursuits as will enable us to continue respectability in our station, usefulness to our fellow beings, and acting as an ornament to the society of which we have become members.

There should be no complacency when it comes to meeting the Objects of Freemasonry.

Doubtless among men, there will always be occasions when we are at variance over one issue or another, but we are expected to resolve those issues amicably. It is never appropriate, and neither should there be any place in Freemasonry, for any open and derogatory discussion, intimidation, or the spreading of wild and inaccurate assumptions.

The Grand Master's Obligation in part, states that, 'It is not by strong arm, iron will, or threatening tone, that obedience is best obtained, but by holding the key to the hearts of men.'

I hope that we can all appreciate the purpose and meaning of these words.

And finally, from the final words of the First Degree, 'I hope you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and indelibly imprint upon your heart the sacred dictates of Truth, Honour and Virtue.'

Please continue to take care of your community, your lodge, and yourself.

Derek Robson AM  
Grand Master

## D37 to the Rescue



RW Bro Les Hicks, RW Bro Sam Young, VW Bro George Shenouda and MW Bro Derek Robson AM

District 37 presented a cheque of \$6,000 for the GM's Bushfire Appeal to the Grand Master himself, MW Bro Derek Robson AM on Tuesday 2 December at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

The fundraising effort was co-ordinated by the DGIW of District 37, VW Bro George Shenouda. The monies raised were a combined effort of the lodges within the district, private members contributions and the popular annual district Scottish Haggis night.

## SMC end of year closure



Please note that the Sydney Masonic Centre and Grand Secretariat will close midday, Thursday 24 December 2020 and re-open on Monday 11 January 2021.

## Upcoming Events

**"Morality & Virtue"** open discussion  
**Masonic Education Network**  
Wed 9 Dec 7pm

The Masonic Education Network events will stop Wed 9 December and will return on Wed 20 January with a special event featuring an International Guest Speaker.

## Bulldogs thank Masons for continued support

Freemasons on the Central Coast (FotCC) have long supported the Central Coast Bulldogs Masters Team which is part of a Sydney-wide competition with players ranging from their mid-thirties to their oldest active player who is a ripe old 81 years!

The Bulldogs hosted a low-key end-of-season event on Saturday 28 November 2020. Following various other awards, a special presentation was made to Bro Steve Sullivan for 'services assisting the CC Bulldogs by a non-member'.

This is the first year the CC Bulldogs have presented this award and it is one they aim to present annually. Trent Ainsworth from CC Bulldogs praised Steve for his ongoing support of the CC Bulldogs and Central Coast Kids in Need.



Steve Sullivan receiving his award from Trent Ainsworth for outstanding support for the Bulldogs and their charities

Then, in recognition of the ongoing support from Freemasons on the Central Coast, the Bulldogs presented a plaque and several CC Bulldogs polo shirts to FotCC president, VW Bro Geoff Bown.

In accepting the award, Geoff said the Freemasons are very proud to be associated with the CC Bulldogs as they are such a great community focused team, always the first to put their hands up to lend a hand with fundraising activities; always prepared to contribute more to the community than they've received.

Like Freemasons on the Central Coast, the CC Bulldogs are strong supporters of Central Coast Kids in Need and, following well-supported raffles conducted on the day, they presented a cheque for \$1,660 to Lorraine Churchill and Rhonda Doyle representing the charity.



L to R: Troy McLister (president, CC Bulldogs), Lorraine Churchill and Rhonda Doyle (CCKIN) and Paul Perfumi (treasurer, CC Bulldogs)



## Election of Grand Master

The Grand Master takes this opportunity to remind Brethren that nominations for the office of Grand Master must be received by the Grand Secretary, in writing, and not by any electronic means by no later than 4pm, 1 February 2021.

The Grand Master has indicated that the Grand Communication for the election of Grand Master will

be held at Sydney Masonic Centre and regional voting centres on Wednesday 10 March 2021.

Nomination forms are available from the Grand Lodge Office, by telephone or email to Melanie Scott 02 9284 2800 - melanies@masons.org.au.

Completed forms must be received and stamped before 4pm, 1 February 2021 and may be mailed or delivered in person.