

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF VICTORIA



SUPREME COMMITTEE

REVIVE RESTORE REBUILD

REPORT OF SUPREME COMMITTEE **HELD THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2021** **by ZOOM**

1. Finance

The Supreme Committee approved the payment of accounts totalling \$32,717.97 for the period 18 June – 16 September 2021.

2. Nominations for Election to Supreme Committee

The Grand Scribe Ezra advised that Elections for Supreme Committee are governed under Clauses 77 – 90 of the Book of Constitution. In the ordinary course of events, nominations for election to Supreme Committee would by now have been called, and an election scheduled for the January/February 2022 Grand Convocation. However, this process is not possible due to Covid-19; Chapters are not able to meet, and therefore the provisions of Clauses 79 – 82 make it impossible to properly call for nominations for election. The Grand Scribe Ezra recommended that Dispensation be sought from the First Grand Principal to postpone the nomination/election process for one year and that the currently elected members continue to serve until fresh nominations can be called in April/May 2022. The future timeline would be:

April/May 2022	Nominations for election sought - Clause 79
January 2023	Formal elections held at Grand Convocation - Clauses 83-86
April/May 2023	Those elected take office - Clause 87

The Most Eminent First Grand Principal agreed to issue such Dispensation.

3. Websites – Supreme Grand Chapter, Mark and Ark Mariner

The Grand Scribe Ezra advised that progress was being made in setting up a new website to service Supreme Grand Chapter, Grand Mark and Royal Ark Mariners. Content is being downloaded onto the site. It is anticipated that the new site will be operational by 1 November 2021.

4. Membership Statistics

Membership of the Order as at 1 September 2021: 989

The Committee spent some time discussing membership generally. The continuing Covid-19 incursions in Victoria and the extended lockdown has impacted heavily on membership of the Royal Arch as well as right across all levels of Freemasonry in Victoria.

5. Grand Installation 2022

Supreme Committee noted that arrangements have been made for the Grand Installation 2022 to be held at the Pullman Hotel, Queens Road, Melbourne on 8 – 10 April 2022. This event may now clash with the proposed Grand Prix; the Pullman Hotel has been contacted and will keep us fully advised. The exact date of the Grand Prix has yet to be confirmed by the Victorian Government and, will depend on any lingering Covid-19 restrictions that may affect the race. For the present the dates 8 – 10 April 2022 remain current. The event will be held in conjunction with Grand Mark.

6. Deceased Companions

Supreme Committee observed a minute of silent reflection in memory of all those Companions who had Passed to the Celestial Grand Chapter since the last meeting of Supreme Committee held 17 June 2021. A copy of the list will be forwarded to all Chapters.

7. Grand Representation and Fraternal Relations

There being several vacancies in the Representation of this Supreme Grand Chapter, and Supreme Committee having previously made recommendations, the First Grand Principal advised that he will seek the appointments at the various Grand Chapters shown against their name, as follows:

Alabama	EmComp G Martonhelyi, PPGSoj
Belgium	REmComp C S Stockdale, PGJ
Illinois	VEmComp M N Allen, GSN
India	VEmComp R Marsden, PGSN, PSC
Indiana	EmComp E J Spencer, PPGSoj
Manitoba	VEmComp D L Yole, PGSN
Maryland	VEmComp P E White, PGDC
Minnesota	EmComp C R Randall, PGSoj
Mississippi	REmComp C P Stemp, PGJ
New Hampshire	EmComp L G Stendt, PFGSoj
Ontario	VEmComp R J Bucknall, GIWkgs
Virginia	REmComp B L A Cowie, GJ

8. Appointment of Sub-Committees

Supreme Committee ratified the List of Sub-Committees for the 2021–2022 year:

*Finance & Administration Committee

*Judiciary Committee

*Appeal Committee

*Vision 2020 Committee

*Joint Orders Working Party (Grand Chapter appointed Representatives)

R S Marsden, PGSN
President Supreme Committee

REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SUPREME COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2021
By ZOOM

1. Grand Convocation

The Supreme Committee met in a Special Meeting to discuss the holding of the next Grand Convocation (Wednesday, 20 October 2021) as a 'zoom' meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there has not been a Grand Convocation since January 2021 and those restriction being still in force it is not possible to hold an 'in person' October Grand Convocation. The Committee accepted the advice of the Grand Registrar that the holding of such a meeting on the 'zoom' platform did not contravene the Book of Constitution. Upon this advice, and the recommendation of Supreme Committee, the First Grand Principal directed that the Grand Convocation to be held (and as previously advised to all Chapters) on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at 7.30pm be conducted on the 'Zoom' platform. Grand Scribe Ezra was directed to make all arrangements necessary; further details will be issued in due course to all Chapters. The First Grand Principal expressed his sincere hope that the Grand Convocation scheduled for Wednesday, 19 January 2022 will be an 'in person' Grand Convocation.

R S Marsden, PGSN
President Supreme Committee

Scribe Ezra:
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