

# **UNITED GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF VICTORIA**

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2021**

**by ZOOM**



### **1. Finance**

Accounts totalling \$33,175.75 for the period 1 July – 30 September 2021 for Grand Mark; and \$5,118.05 for the same period for Royal Ark Mariner Masonry were ratified.

### **2. Websites – Mark and Ark Mariner**

The Grand Secretary advised that the new website to service Grand Mark, Royal Ark Mariners and Supreme Grand Chapter is now live. [www.beyondthecraft.net.au](http://www.beyondthecraft.net.au) All Brethren are encouraged to log in and see what the site has to offer. The Board thanks the Website Committee for their diligence in this matter.

### **3. Remission of Capitation Fees**

In consideration of the long periods of lockdown endured (by all Victorians) during this year, the Board has agreed to remit the payment of Capitation Fees for the period 1 January – 30 June 2022. This remission of Capitation Fees was fully supported by the Grand Treasurer and all members of the Board. Therefore, NO Capitation Fee invoices will be issued to Lodges for the period 1 January – 30 June 2022. It is hoped that this remission of the payment of Capitation Fees to the Grand Lodge for a six month period will be to the benefit of all Lodges as the re-building process ‘post Covid’ (or at least, post lockdown) is commenced. How this remission is dealt with in private Lodge finances is a matter for each Lodge to decide.

### **4. Membership Statistics**

Membership as at 1 October 2021:- Mark Degree 1314; Ark Mariner Degree 508. The Board spent some considerable time discussing membership generally and the continuing effect of Covid-19 on Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Masonry. There is a need for all Lodges to be much more pro-active in bringing the Mark Degree to the attention of Craft Brethren. Likewise, in promoting Royal Ark Mariner Masonry to Mark Brethren.

### **5. Grand Communication**

The Grand Master advised the Board that upon advice from the Grand Registrar, a Grand Communication has been summoned for Wednesday, 17 November 2021 to be held via the 'Zoom' platform. Brethren wishing to attend will need to register in order to preserve some degree of security for the meeting. Details of the registration process have been included in the Summons issued by the Grand Secretary.

**6. Amendments to Book of Regulation**

The Board approved sundry amendments to Schedules 2, 3 and 4 of the Book of Regulations. These amendments do not materially change the Schedules to any great degree but include provision for additional information that may be useful to a Lodge Secretary. (These amendments were brought to the attention of the Board by VWBro W F R Mills, PGJO – Oakleigh Mark Lodge.)

**7. Deceased Brethren**

The Board of General Purposes observed a minute of silent reflection in memory of all those Brethren who had Passed during the period 28 July – 27 October 2021. A copy of the list will be forwarded to all Lodges.

P. Barravecchio  
President Board of General Purposes

**BROTHER SECRETARY:**

**Items 2, 3 and 5 should be read in full at the Second Time of Rising at the next regular meeting of your Lodge.  
Please circulate a copy of this Report to all Brethren of your Lodge**