

Management Council Brief December 2017

Greetings Companions

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The Management Council met in Wellington on Saturday December 9 in the Boardroom at Freemasons New Zealand with Bro Gareth Turner, the Executive Director of Freemasons New Zealand joining us for lunch and a chat.

There was an extensive agenda, covering many projects and the following is a brief synopsis of the main outcomes of the day's discussions.

1. **Ratification of Convocation minutes:** This will be handled by the First Grand Principal after Grand Chapter is formally opened in the afternoon.
2. **Convocation 2018:** R E Companion Gregory is recovering from a health issue but assures us that all is in place for an enjoyable event.
3. **Craft Divisional Conferences 2018:** You will have seen the dates for these in the latest Freemason. We will again be involved at these including with the usual displays. Your help locally is always appreciated.
4. **Remits to Convocation:** The Council will place 2 remits before Convocation dealing with the duties of Grand Lecturers and introducing a post-nominal for those awarded a First Grand Principal's Award (there is already a certificate and lapel badge presented to the recipient).
5. **Future Leaders/Long Term Planning Group:** This group will be carrying out a review of our Strategic Plan and formulating a Communications Plan for consideration at the next Council meeting. The Group is led by Companion Joel Potgieter under the oversight of the Chairman of Management Council.
6. **Grand Principals 2019-21:** In accordance with the new constitutional provisions, nominations were sought and received for the Grand Principal roles for 2019-21. The Committee set out in Rule 7.4 met and interviewed the applicants for First Grand Principal and had considered the applications of others for the remaining roles. Professional recruitment advice was contributed by V E Companion P D Benstead in his personal capacity. The successful applicants are:
 - **First Grand Principal:** R E Companion G K Redman PGLec
 - **Depute First Grand Principal:** R E Companion N S Petrie PGSupt
 - **Second Grand Principal- Grand Haggai:** R E Companion P J Ivamy PGLec
 - **Third Grand Principal- Grand Jeshua:** R E Companion J Evered GSupt

The First Grand Principal will formally nominate these Companions to the Business Session at Convocation following which a secret ballot will be conducted.

7. **Grand Chapter Officers 2019-22 – Northern Division:** The Council approved in principle the allocation of offices to the respective districts as set out in the Constitution.
8. **Annual Accounts 2016-17 and Budget 2019:** The Grand Treasurer presented the Audited Annual accounts together with the Budget for 2019 which, subject to some minor changes reflecting the reduction in membership levels, will be considered at Convocation 2018.
9. **Jubilee Scholarship Committee:** This currently has only two formal members: V E Companion Alan Dean of Wanganui (appointed 2014, retiring 2019) and R E Companion Tony Waters from Christchurch (appointed 2015, retiring 2020). The previous Management Council last year proposed that R E Companion Robert Jaray of Wellington join them, but

this missed being included in the formal agenda and hence was carried over. Management Council will formally propose R E Companion Jaray as well as R E Companion Gary Kerkin (well known to many in the Hauraki area) and Companion John Miller (a school teacher in Wellington).

10. **Centennial Fund Committee:** This currently comprises three members as required under the rules. R E Companion Geoffrey Coker, appointed in 2013, retires next year and Management Council will propose that R E Companion Ron Lane of Auckland be elected in his stead together with M E Companion Les Borrell of Hauraki (appointed 2017, retires 2022) and R E Companion Graeme Martin of Christchurch (likewise).
11. **Jubilee Scholarship applications:** Concern was raised at the timing of the applications and the relationship with current schooling and tertiary education timeframes. This will be further discussed early next year but there was support in principle for moving away from the current January/February window for the application process and March/April for the awards (and funds) portion to perhaps September-December.
12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday March 1 2018 immediately before Convocation.

Season's greetings to everyone and families! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in New Plymouth for Convocation March 3-4, 2018.