

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SUPREME RULER 2020

My Very Dear Brethren, Monitor Masons,

First and foremost, it's a brand new year and traditionally we look forward to every New Year with renewed hope, enthusiasm, and expectations.

Regrettably this year we are all affected by extremely unfavourable weather conditions and an ongoing bush fire situation which together are subduing our usual enthusiasm at this time. Almost certainly everyone of us knows someone who has already been impacted by these events.

We are all shocked by the devastation caused and saddened by the loss of life, livelihoods and homes, and we certainly all respect and appreciate the dedication and bravery of our volunteer fire fighters and other voluntary organisations who are providing welfare and emotional support.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to re-enforce that at the very core of Monitor Masonry is, primarily, still the welfare of our Brother Monitors.

We can draw inspiration from the present motto of 'Friendship and Caring' and remember that our endeavours should be inspired by a sense of loyalty and duty, to the Order and to each other.

Every Monitor Mason at this time, especially the Visiting Deacons must contact their Brethren and friends specifically to ascertain their financial and emotional situation.

Whilst the Order is not a charity we do maintain a Benevolent Fund specifically for circumstances that may arise from the current situation. If there is a need, the member should personally bring their circumstances to my notice through the Grand Recorder.

2020 promises to be a busy and fulfilling year of Monitor Masonry, and I thank all Monitor Masons for their ongoing loyalty and support of our great Masonic Order.

Yours thoroughly and fraternally

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Grand Supreme Ruler**

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