

Supreme Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Masons

Victoria

INVITATION

Grand Installation

and

Associated Functions

**REmComp Gregory Malcolm Harmer, DGZ, GZ-Elect
as First Grand Principal**

**REmComp Peter Thomas Gurr, PGJ
as Deputy First Grand Principal**

**VEmComp Ralph Swinton Blackmore, PGSN
as Second Grand Principal**

**VEmComp Robert William Taylor, PGDC
as Third Grand Principal**

Investiture of Grand Officers

Saturday, 22 April 2017

Melbourne, Victoria



GRAND INSTALLATION 2017

On behalf of all Companions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, I am pleased to invite all Companions, their families and friends to attend the Grand Installation and associated functions to be held in Melbourne on Friday 21st April 2017 to Sunday 23rd April 2017.

An interesting programme has been planned. The highlight will be the Installation of my successor, REmComp Gregory Malcolm Harmer, DGZ, as First Grand Principal, the Co-Grand Principals and Investiture of Grand Officers. This will be held at the Pullman Hotel, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne.

Royal Arch Masonry is one of the most regal and colourful Orders in Freemasonry and this year's ceremony will I am sure provide all the splendour that is traditionally associated with a Grand Installation. The weekend will provide an opportunity for old friendships to be continued and new and lasting friendships to be made.

I urge you to share in these celebrations; another milestone in the history of this Grand Chapter, and look forward to welcoming you in Melbourne in April.

Peter Crick
First Grand Principal

Programme

Day & Time	Event	Venue	Dress
Friday 21 April 3.00pm	Special Guest Lecturer Comp Kevin Gest (UK)	TBA	Companions only Smart Casual
Friday 21 April 6.30pm	Interstate Guests' Reception	Pullman Hotel, Melbourne	Lounge Suit Ladies After 5
Saturday 22 April 3.00pm	Grand Convocation and Installation	Pullman Hotel, Melbourne	Formal Ladies After 5
6.30pm	Grand Installation Banquet		
Sunday 23 April Departure TBA	Social Day and Farewells	Old Melbourne Goal Lunch at Lygon St Carlton	Smart Casual
Monday 24 April (evening event)	Installation of Principals and Investiture of Officers	St Andrews in the South, Geelong HRAC No 19	Formal Ladies casual

The first event of the programme will be a Lecture by the internationally published Companion Kevin Gest from England. Kevin has published several books on Craft and Royal Arch Masonry and his presentation promises to be something rather special. The location for the lecture is still to be determined but will be in very close proximity to the Pullman Hotel. Next will be a Reception for our Interstate and Overseas visitors. This will be held at the Pullman Hotel in the 'Elements' Room and will be a formal two course sit-down meal. A sumptuous meal including wines will be served. Speeches will be kept to a minimum!

The Grand Installation on Saturday promises all the colourful splendour expected on such an



occasion. Delegations, including the Leaders and Representatives of all the Other Masonic Rites in Victoria will all be received. The Installation of Grand Principals and Investiture of Grand Officers will follow. This Supreme Grand Chapter is no stranger to the conduct of its ceremonies at the Pullman Hotel, and a most exciting ceremony can be anticipated.

The Grand Banquet will follow the Ceremony of Installation; good food, excellent wines, great company and a fabulously welcoming atmosphere of friendly comradery will set the tone for this happy evening.



Sunday

When the Old Melbourne Gaol was built in the mid-1800s, it dominated the Melbourne skyline as a symbol of authority. Inside the Gaol, dangerous criminals were held alongside petty offenders, the homeless and the mentally ill. Between 1842 and its closure in 1929 the gaol was the scene of 133 hangings including Australia's most infamous citizen, the bushranger Ned Kelly. Today you can visit the Old Melbourne Gaol to find out what life was like for the men and women who lived and died here all those years ago. Tours commence at 9.30am, 10.30am and your Tour Time will be advised depending on numbers. This will be followed by Lunch at one of the many restaurants in the famous Lygon Street, Carlton. Lunch will be at your own expense. This will be a delightful setting to say our farewells.

Monday evening, for those Delegates remaining, the First Grand Principal will conduct the Ceremony of Installation of Principals and Investiture of Officers at the St Andrews in the South Geelong HRAC No 19. This will be an excellent opportunity for interstate and overseas visitors to see how 'we do things' in Victoria. Ladies will be dining with the Companions following the Installation.

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

PULLMAN HOTEL AND RESORT (including the MERCURE HOTEL)

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All Accommodation Bookings and payment are to be made directly with the Pullman/Mercure Hotel. Please quote "Supreme Grand Chapter" and contact Bronwyn Martin (03 8554 2511) when booking. Booking form is attached and 25 rooms have been reserved at both the Pullman and the Mercure.



Some of Melbourne's other attractions

Melbourne Arts Centre, Crown Casino
Melbourne Cricket Ground, Shrine of Remembrance, Yarra River and Queen Victoria Market

