

The Square and Compasses.

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Most Worshipful Brother Godfrey Place.

Freemasonry as a Caring Organisation

Extending Care within the Order and Society

Freemasonry has often been associated with secrecy and mystique. However, beyond its enigmatic façade, Freemasonry has a long-standing tradition of caring for its members and extending the care to society at large. Are we, as GLSA members, living up to this tradition? How should we actively demonstrate Brotherly Love and prove that Freemasonry really is a caring organisation, both within the Order and society.

Caring within the Order:

Within the Order caring is a fundamental principle that guides our members in terms of our interactions and relationships. We are exhorted to do this at our initiation. Freemasonry fosters a sense of brotherhood, where members support and care for one another. This care is evident in such ways, as providing financial assistance to Brethren in need, offering emotional support during challenging times, and promoting personal growth and development. Some of our Lodges establish a "Brother fund" to be able to assist Brethren in need when the time arises.

Freemasonry demonstrates its care through its charitable efforts. While not a charitable organisation, we do practice charity. Many of our Lodges engage in raising funds for various causes. These efforts aim to alleviate suffering and improve the lives of the needy. No matter what we do, this consistently demonstrates that Freemasons care for the communities in which they live as well as for each other. We need to be more visible and celebrate our efforts, Together, we can make a real difference.

Extending Care to Society:

Freemasonry's caring ethos extends beyond its own order and reaches out to society at large. We recognise our responsibility to contribute positively to the communities in which we live. We, as Freemasons, should actively engage in community service projects, offering our time and resources to make a difference.

One notable example of Freemasonry's societal care is its support for education. Our Divisions are involved with inter-constitutional funds with established scholarships and bursaries. These funds have rules by which funds are made available to Masons, their children, and grandchildren. By investing in education, Freemasonry aims to empower individuals and contribute to the development of a knowledgeable and skilled society.

Freemasonry also actively promotes moral and ethical values, which are essential for the betterment of society. Through our teachings and rituals, we encourage our members to uphold principles such as integrity, compassion, and respect. By instilling these values, we seek to have a positive impact on society, fostering a culture of care and empathy.

Freemasonry also recognises the importance of health care and well-being. To this end, I have chosen to set up a Grand Lodge of South Africa initiative, whereby all Lodges and their families, can contribute to and participate in initiatives supporting those who suffer from Dementia and Alzheimer's disease in our communities or even in our Order. This program is being formulated and will be rolled out across all Divisions in the hope that by so doing we actively demonstrate this side of what our Order stands for.

Some of our Lodges actively engage in environmental initiatives. Makalani, for example, planted trees in Grootfontein. In this way Freemasonry demonstrates its commitment to caring for the planet and ensuring a better future for generations to come.

Let's recognise Freemasonry's commitment to care not only for our Order but for society at large. Through our charitable endeavours, support for education, promotion of moral values, contributions to health care and engagement in environmental initiatives, Freemasonry consistently demonstrates its dedication to positively impacting on the world.

As a caring organisation, Freemasonry embodies the principles of compassion, support, and service. Our members should continuously strive to uplift each other and extend that care to the broader community. If we continue to embrace these values, we will prove that Freemasonry remains a force for good, fostering a culture of care and making a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and society as a whole,

**MW Bro Godfrey Place
Grand Master**



Seen at the MW Pretorius Installation were Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place (5L), Wor Bro Wesley van Dyk (6L) and PGM, RW Bro Simon Nash (7L) surrounded by GL and PGL Officers, visitors and Lodge members.

MW Pretorius Install Wesley van Dyk

On Saturday 14 October MW Pretorius installed Wor Bro Wesley Van Dyk as their new Master. The installation was conducted by RW Bro Simon Nash, PGM, after which a Board of Installed Masters was performed by Wor Bro Wikus Steyl. The Grand Lodge delegation was led by MW Bro Godfrey Place.



MW Bro Godfrey Place, Wor Bro Wesley van Dyk and RW Bro Simon Nash

This much enjoyed Open Installation was well supported by a number of Carletonville friends.

de Goede Hoop raise Bro Callan Kleynhans

On Wednesday 11 October de Goede Hoop raised



Bro Callan Kleynhans to Master Mason. Callan is one of Southern Division's crop of young Masons who are really starting to make a significant difference. They are committed, enjoy their Freemasonry and are fun to share time with.

In this picture Callan is seen with RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, the Lodge Preceptor and the Provincial Grand Master.

Repetition is the Mother of all skills

Star of the East's Luck continues

On Wednesday 4 October Freemasonry gained another family member with Star of the East's Initiation of Bro Arthur Luck. His father is the much respected Wor Bro Willie Luck who has made a real difference to this Lodge over the recent past.



Wor Bro Willie Luck (4L) with son Bro Arthur Luck (5L), the Star of the East Brethren and their visitors.

Westerford Initiate Bro MJ Pether

It has been well said that our young men will determine our future. MJ is still a student, but he has all the required zeal and enthusiasm for our Order. He is just another example of some of the excellent young men that we are currently welcoming into our ranks.



MJ is seen here with his Proposer, Wor Bro Marco Petronio, and Deputy GM, RW Bro Tommy Hardiman.

J Bay welcome Gert Vorster back into the fold!

Bro Gert Vorster started his Masonic career with President Burgers and was raised to Master Mason there before moving down to the coast. On 14 October he was obligated as a new member of Jeffrey's Bay. Welcome back, Gert, it's great to have you getting back on your Masonic journey.



The reigning Worshipful Master of Jeffrey's Bay, Wor Bro Herdus Snyman, welcomes Wor Bro Gert Vorster into the Lodge.

Making Special Contacts

Westerford's Bro Robert Kakesse is based, for business purposes, in Angola. In the course of his activities he recently shared some time with immediate Past Grand Master of Quebec (Canada) MW Bro Marc David.



MW Bro David used to participate in an online chat group that we took part in and his input was always much appreciated.

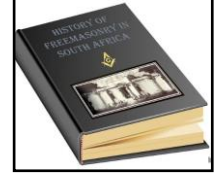
GLSA Online Shop

If you are looking to purchase GLSA or Masonic items or memorabilia, log into our GLSA Online Shop and explore our offerings. The link is:

[GLSA Online Shop](#)

There are various items available, but 2 well worth your consideration are:

The Heritage Book In 2022, South Africa celebrated 250 years of Freemasonry. To mark this event, we published a Heritage Book which explored our history over all Constitutions and Divisions. A few remaining copies of the A4 book are still available.



GLSA and RA Ties

If you wear ties to work or for any other purpose, you really should include these handsome additions in your collection. The GLSA tie is navy blue, while the RA tie comes in navy blue or red.



An Apple a Day – Freemason's Style

Somebody recently asked me why Jeffrey's 'Bay gets so much coverage in S & C. It's because they are always doing something of Masonic interest and, of course, they keep us fully updated on it!



Great initiative by Wor Bro Daniel Meyburgh and Bro Jeremias Jansen van Vuuren saw the Lodge obtain 400kg of apples. These were bagged by the Brethren and their

families and distributed to the needy in the town.

Mrs Zamo, looks after a clinic and feeds dozens of preschoolers. They received 60kg of Apples from the Lodge and, like all the recipients, were delighted. The smiling faces on the children said it all.



On Wednesday 27 September **Royal Arch Chapter Orange** advanced Bro Eric Palmer to Mark Master Mason.



On Thursday 12 October **Jeffrey's Bay RA** elevated Comp Martin Gierz to Excellent Master. MEZ Hendrik Rademeyer (C) with with Comp Martin Gerz (4L) and the members of the Chapter.

Balanced Lodge 2023 reaching Conclusion

In my view the Balanced Lodge Program, initiated by RW Bro Brandon Topham OSM, is one of the most stimulating and exciting ideas implemented by our Grand Lodge over the past few years. It helps the Lodges to focus on the really important aspects of their various Masonic activities and, at the same time enables us to introduce a bit of friendly competition between our Divisions and Lodges.

The year is now drawing to a close and, as at the end of October, the leaders, based on year to date cumulative points, are:

Large Lodges (> 25 members)

Star of the East	27	309
President Burgers	27	274
De Goede Hoop	55	255
Koh-I-Noor	55	224

Medium Lodges (16 – 25 members)

Jeffreys Bay	16	415
Alpha	24	366
Prins Frederik	18	339
De Broederband	19	307

Small Lodges (> 16 members)

Dagbreek	11	332
Meerensee	11	297
M W Pretorius	10	274
Brits	10	218

The leader board would, perhaps, have been a little different if some of our leaders hadn't missed out on submitting a couple of months. It's most important to be consistent and repetition is all part of the process. It's a tough school and the same demands are faced by all who are taking part!!

For our slow starters, make it your Lodge's New Year Resolution to get the Balanced Lodge Program going for your Lodge. Discuss results at your BoMs and make it a fun, challenging way to enhance the Lodge's overall experience. If we are to "make the world a better place", we really do need to start at Brother and Lodge level.

For Masters who are looking for the monthly Questionnaire, log on to GrandView, go to your Lodge page, scroll down the left to "Resources/Forms", click on it and you will find that the Questionnaire is the 2nd last item.

Almoner's Corner

It was with some shock that we received the news of the sudden passing of Bro Victor Newton-Challis (de Vereeniging). He was a "young" GLSA member with so much ahead of him. Our condolences are extended to his family in their time of grief.

The ever cheerful RW Bro Neville Klein OSM recently had his 2nd leg amputated. Once safely back in



his Senior Citizen's home he was visited by RW Bros Vic Muhlenbeck and Johan vd Merwe and Wor Bro Bushy McKelvey. Stay strong

Neve, Brethren of your calibre really are irreplaceable!

If anything is known about a Brother in distress, please share it with your Divisional Almoner.

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