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## Northern Division makes us proud at their AGM

The Northern Division AGM took place at the Park Lane Temple on Saturday 13 July 2024. The PGM, RW Bro Simon Nash, was extremely well prepared, had circulated his annual report ahead of the meeting and the meeting itself was a most successful one.

The following awards were presented:

- Presiding Master: Wor Bro Willie Luck
- Mason of the Year: Bro Sunday Ogunronbi
- Best Secretary: Bro Stephan Henderson
- Best Ritualist: Bro China Mokgalboke
- Best Paper: Bro Gerhard Nortje

All of these Brethren had excelled in their Lodges and were a credit to Freemasonry and the GLSA.

During the afternoon, the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, took the opportunity to invest RW Bro Frans Roodt as an Assistant Grand Master. Frans is an experienced and committed Freemason and much is expected from the contribution that he will make.



Willie Luck with Simon Nash



Frans Roodt with Godfrey Place



China Mokgalboke with Simon Nash

*"Dare to be honest and fear no labor."  
- Robert Burns*



The PGMs (L to R): Ric Gillmer, Simon Nash, Johan van der Merwe, Marcel de Kock



Simon Nash and Godfrey Place with representatives of Sister Constitutions



Linda and MW Bro Godfrey Place

### Burns Night was on fire!

On Saturday 13 July 2024, after the Northern AGM, we celebrated a Burns night at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg. It was an excellent evening with the Grand Master's "Toast to the Haggis" being a real highlight. We also auctioned off some very attractive prizes with all of the proceeds going towards people suffering from Dementia and Mental Health challenges.

This idea for the format of the function was from Lodge Prins Frederik, and was organised by RW Bro Simon Nash and his team supported by RW Bro Reuven Coenen, Bro Eric Houniet and Bro Gerhard Muller of Prins Frederik. It also served as the formal banquet for the Northern AGM.





Wikus and Tanya Steyl with Angie and Marius Mostert



Brethren of the GLSA in "highland" dress

### Feeding Scheme is an inspiration!

It's one thing to start an exciting initiative, it's another to keep it going. Gary Hendriks, assisted by his family and Dennis Knight, has now been feeding over 300 needy children twice a week - and has been doing so for several years. Funding is provided by the Southern Division and the local Lodges. Well done, Brethren, you are a real inspiration!



Dennis and Gary with 2 beneficiaries of the feeding scheme

### Star of the West goes to the Dogs!

In keeping with the Grand Master's vision for community involvement, Star of the West has lent a "helping paw" to the Orkney and Klerksdorp Animal Shelter with a generous and much needed donation of pet food and other much needed items. They challenge local businesses in the area to follow their example.



Lodge family members donating supplies

### Westerford celebrate Xmas in July

In what is fast becoming a treasured tradition, Lodge Westerford entertained the residents of Southern Division's Masonic Homes at a "Xmas in July" lunch at the de Goede Hoop refectory on Sunday, 14 July 2024. The well attended event was an enormous success and much enjoyed by all.



Our Quadriplegics and their support team



The well filled dining area

### These are your Almoners

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

Southern	Wor Bro Llew Lloyd-Jones	072 9653572
Northern	Wor Bro Herman Roos	082 3184238
Central	Wor Bro Barend Esterhuizen	072 4727236
Eastern	Wor Bro Rudi Swart	072 5868135
E Cape	Wor Bro Ian Hetherington	082 9545297



## De Goede Trouw Installation

On Tuesday 9 July 2024, Lodge de Goede Trouw installed Wor Bro Alfie van der Westhuizen as their new Master. The working was performed by the PGM, RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, who was ably assisted by Assistant PGMs, Marco Petronio and Malcolm Gessler, and the PGL Officers.



Marco, Raymond, Alfie and Malcolm at the de Goede Trouw installation

## RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen is advanced to MMM

On Tuesday 17 July 2024 in Cape Town's Phiroze Gorralla Temple, Chapter de Goede Kaap advanced RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen to Mark Master Mason. The ceremony was performed by MEZ Alex Costopolous and his team and was well supported.



Raymond Eyiomen (4<sup>th</sup> from left), Alex Costopolous (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) with the Comps and visitors

## Prins Frederik welcomes Bro Cohen Grootboom

On Tuesday 23 July 2024, Prins Frederik initiated Bro Cohen Grootboom. Cohen is an Attorney and his first meeting with the many of the members of the Lodge was when they met to fill over 1200 bottles of body shampoo for various charities.



Andrew Pienaar, Cohen Grootboom, Reuven Coenen (WM) and John Weigelt

## Bro Eric Dyer passed to 28<sup>th</sup> degree

Our very active Fiat Lux AASR Consistory in Gqeberha recently advanced Ven Bro Eric Dyer to the 28<sup>th</sup> degree. The working was performed in the Richmond Hill Temple and was much enjoyed by all those who participated.



Eric Dyer (4<sup>th</sup> from left), Nowellyn van Vuuren (ESGIG – 5<sup>th</sup> from left) and the Consistory members

## Acacia 231-Cryptic Council welcomes new members

On On Tuesday, 16 July 2024 Acacia-231 Cryptic Council 24 welcomed Bros Willie Luck and Gerrit Nortje to the Royal Master degree. TIM Dino Kyriazis was in the chair for the meeting.



Willie Luck (seated L) and Gerrit Nortje (seated R)

## Tolerance Installation

On Saturday 27 July 2024, Gqeberha's Lodge Tolerance installed RW Bro Keith Hutton as their new Master. The ceremony was well performed by the PGM, RW Bro Ric Gillmer and his team, and the year ahead promises to be a most interesting one.



Ric Gillmer (4<sup>th</sup> from left) and Keith Hutton (5<sup>th</sup> from left) surrounded by the PGL Officers and Brethren

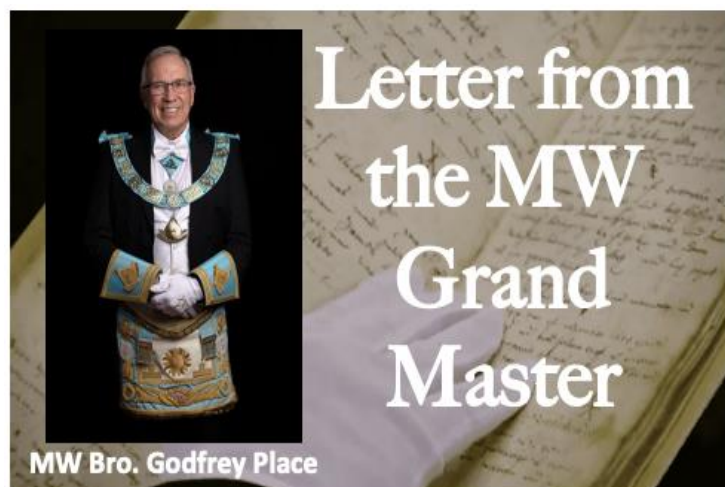


## de Goede Hoop perform double 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

On Wednesday 10 July 2024, Lodge de Goede Hoop passed Bros Luther Delport and Chris Mabheka to the Fellowcraft degree. The ceremony was well executed by Wor Bro Bradley Bordiss and his team and both Brethren enjoyed very much their Masonic journey.



Luther (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Brad (4<sup>th</sup> from left) and Chris (5<sup>th</sup> from the left) surrounded by members of the Lodge



## Giving of ourselves for charitable initiatives

James Russel Lowell wrote the following:

*“Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare:  
Who gives himself with alms feeds three,  
Himself, his hungering neighbour and Me.”*

We talk about the steps of Jacobs Ladder, three being faith, hope and charity. All three of these form the foundation of our Order. We say we are not a

charitable organisation, but practice charity. It is the practice of charity which is important.

Our Lodges are asked in the Balanced Lodge Programme, to record if they have done any act of benevolence in the month under review. Benevolence has numerous descriptions, such as compassion, kindness, generosity, goodwill, magnanimity. The act of Charity falls under benevolence.

We hold events to raise funds for charity. These are generally fun filled events where our efforts are directed towards assisting those in society who are less fortunate than ourselves. However the easiest thing to do after a successful event is to hand over a cheque to the beneficiary. A pat on the back and all done! That of charity, generally has no feeling. It ticks a box and that is about it.

A sad and little known fact is that many of the well-known charities employ professional fund raisers to raise funds for their organisations. Any “cash” funds which come into the organisation (whether raised through their professional fund raiser efforts or efforts such as ours) are subject

to a commission being paid to the fund raiser, up to eye watering levels of 40%. So our efforts are in effect paying fund raisers and reducing the amount of money raised by the value of the commission.

What we should be doing is finding out what specific needs the recipients of our charitable efforts require, and then going out and either using the funds raised, making or manufacturing what is needed, and then presenting those items to the recipients. If we merely give money as a means of salving our conscience, ticking a box on the Balanced Lodge Programme score card, we fail to fully understand the true nature of ourselves and our Order, our relationship with all men and more importantly with the GAOTU.

The giving of ourselves, in the form of an act of labour or time and effort, is in fact giving the recipient a part of ourselves, who we are as individuals. The recipients will sometimes not be aware of this added gift, sometimes because of a form of mental disorder, but we should not focus on them, but ourselves. We will feel far more empathy with the recipient in this act of charity. We can hold our heads up high knowing we have made a difference in their lives.

Let us put our efforts to good use, and truly make a difference in our societies, and in the world in which we live.

