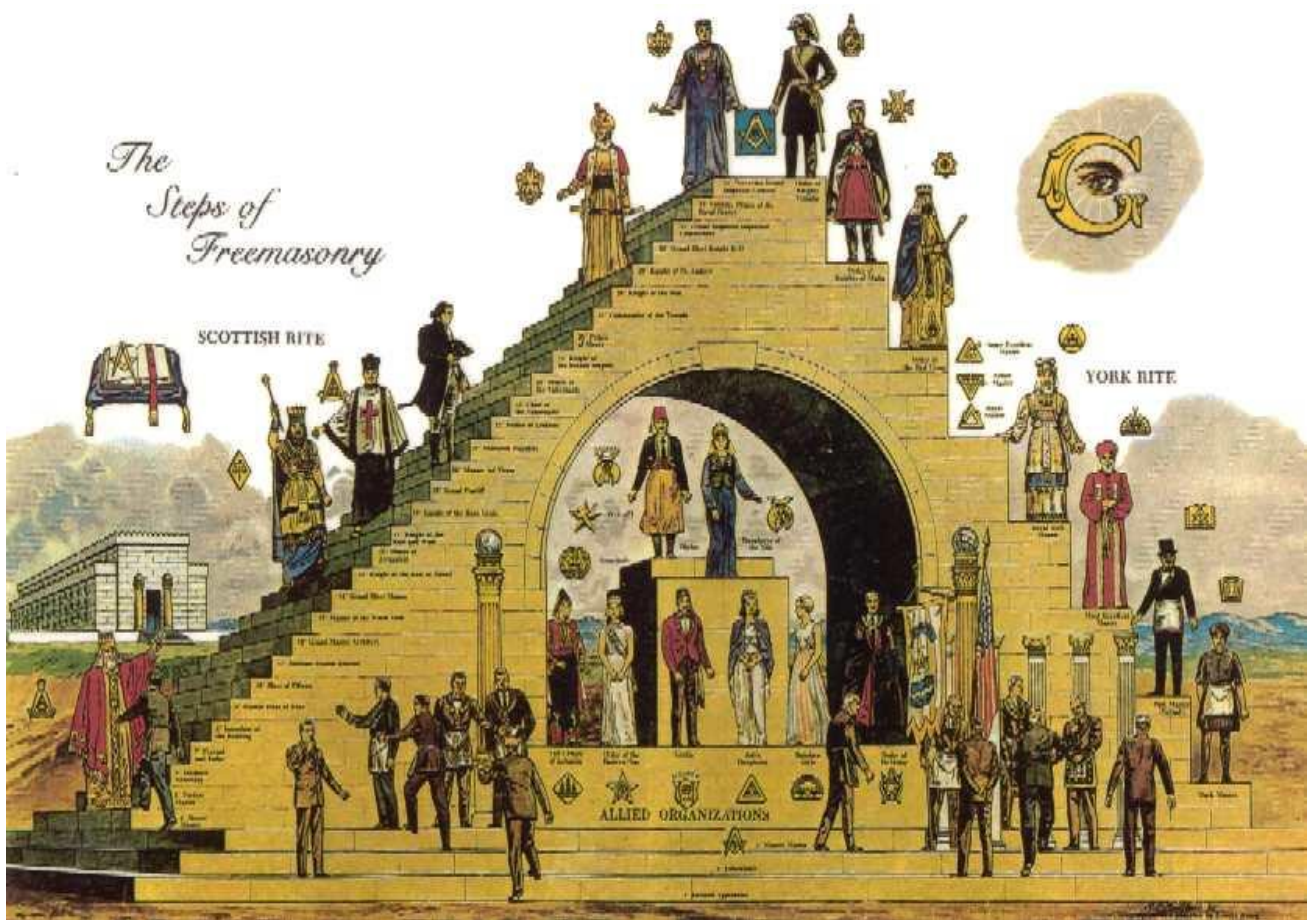


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Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika

VERKLARING

Nademaal Vrymesselary sedert 1772 in Suider-Afrika onder die Groot Ooste van die Nederlande beoefen is en gedy het onder die heilsame bestuur van hierdie Groot Ooste, het die Nederlandse Losies op Saterdag, 18 Februarie 1961 in Kaapstad vergader en besluit om 'n Grootlosie in Suider-Afrika in die lewe te roep om Vrymesselary te bevorder met besondere verwysing na die Aloue Opdragte. Die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika is daarna in Kaapstad gestig en het onmiddellike erkenning van die Grootlosies van Engeland, Ierland, Skotland en Holland ontvang. Hierdie Grootlosie vereis dat elke kandidaat vir toelating tot die Orde onder sy jurisdiksie ondubbelsinnig die volgende grondbeginsels onderskryf:

- (1) Dat die eerste voorwaarde vir toelating tot lidmaatskap van die Orde 'n geloof in 'n Opperwese is, na wie Vrymesselary verwys as die Opper Boumeester van die Heelal (DOBVDH) en Sy geopenbaarde wil soos vervat in die Boek van die Heilige Wet (DBVDHW). Dit is 'n essensiële voorwaarde en laat geen kompromie toe nie.
- (2) Dat die Bybel of soortgelyke boek, onderhewig aan elke lid se geloof, en waarna Vrymesselaars verwys as DBVDHW, sal altyd oop lê in elke Losie gedurende arbeid. Elke kandidaat sal sy verpligtinge op dié Boek of Volume aflê wat kragtens sy besondere geloof onskendbaarheid verleen aan die eed of belofte wat daarop geneem is.
- (3) Dat die Drie Groot Ligte van Vrymesselaary (naamlik DBVDHW, die Winkelhaak en die Passer) moet altyd tydens formele vergaderinge (arbeid) van elke Losie vertoon word. Hiervan is DBVDHW die belangrikste.
- (4) Dat elke man wat tot Vrymesselary toetree streng verbied word om hom met enige daad te vereenselwig wat die vrede en goeie orde van die samelewing omver kan werp. Hy moet gehoorsaamheid aan die wette van enige Staat waarin hy woon of wat beskerming aan hom verleen betoon en hy mag nooit in gebreke bly in die nakoming van sy verskuldigde trou aan die Staatshoof van sy land nie, nieteenstaande sy politieke sieninge nie.
- (5) Dat terwyl Vrymesselary onder die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika op hierdie wyse gehoorsaamheid aan die Staat en sy lede se verantwoordelikhede as burgers teenoor die Staat by elkeen van sy lede inskerp, gun die Grootlosie die individu sy eie siening oor sake van openbare belang. Geen lid mag egter in die Losie of ter enige tyd in sy hoedanigheid as 'n Vrymesselaar sy siening oor godsdienstige en of politieke kwessies bespreek of probeer bevorder nie.
- (6) Dat die Grootlosie 'n hoë premie op elke persoon se individualiteit stel asook sy sedelike aanspreeklikheid vir al sy handelinge, die fundamentele gelykheid van alle persone, die universele broederskap van die mens en elke persoon se plig om hom met toewyding tot die welsyn van die gemeenskap te beywer.
- (7) Dat die Grootlosie hom weerhou, tuis en in die buiteland, van enige kommentaar oor sake rakende buitelandse of binnelandse Staatsbeleid. Dit sal verder nie toelaat dat sy naam gekoppel word aan

Grand Lodge of South Africa

DECLARATION

Whereas Freemasonry was introduced in Southern Africa under the authority of the Grand East of the Netherlands during 1772 and having flourished exceedingly well under the benign rule of this Grand East, the Lodges operating under the jurisdiction of this Grand East assembled in Cape Town on Saturday, 18 February 1961 and determined on the formation of a Grand Lodge in Southern Africa for the furtherance of Freemasonry with especial reference to the Ancient Charges. The Grand Lodge of Southern Africa was thereafter established at Cape Town and received immediate recognition from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and the Grand East of the Netherlands and demands that a prerequisite to admission to the Order is that every member shall unequivocally subscribe to the following basic principles:

- (1) That the first condition of admission into and membership of the Order is a belief in a Supreme Being, referred to generally by Freemasons as the Great Architect of the Universe (GAOTU) and His revealed will as contained in the Volume of the Sacred Law (VSL). This is essential and admits no compromise.
- (2) That the Holy Bible or such similar book, depending on the individual faith of every member, referred to by Freemasons as the Volume of the Sacred Law, shall always be open in every Lodge when it is at labour. Every candidate is required to take his Obligations on that Book or Volume, which is held by his particular faith to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it.
- (3) That the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry (viz. the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and the Compasses) shall be exhibited in every Lodge when it is at work, the chief of these being the Volume of the Sacred Law.
- (4) That every man who enters Freemasonry is strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; that he must pay due obedience to the Law of any State in which he resides or which may afford him protection and that he must never be remiss in the allegiance due by him to the Head of State of his country, irrespective of his political affiliation.
- (5) That while Freemasonry under the Grand Lodge of South Africa inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs but forbids all members, whether in Lodge or at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, to discuss or to advance his views on religious or political questions.
- (6) That the Grand Lodge acknowledges the high value of human personality, man's moral responsibility for all his actions, the fundamental equality of all human beings, the universal brotherhood of man and every man's duty to labour with devotion for the welfare of the community.
- (7) That the Grand Lodge refuses to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic State policy, either at home or abroad and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however

enige handelinge, ongeag die skynbare humanitêre aard daarvan nie, wat inbreuk maak op sy onwrikbare beleid van onpartydigheid wat alle kwessies rakende betrekkinge tussen regerings of tussen politieke partye betref of botsende teorieë oor Staatsvorme nie.

- (8) Dat die Grootlosie volstrek weier om hom te vereenselwig met liggame wat hulle voordoen as Vrymesselaars, maar wat nie hierdie grondbeginsels onderskryf nie. Dit sal ook nie deelneem aan konferensies met sogenaamde internasionale organisasies wat lidmaatskap verleen aan persone of liggame wat hulle nie streng by hierdie beginsels hou nie. Die Grootlosie sal ook nie deur so 'n organisasie verteenwoordig word nie.
- (9) Dat daar niks geheimsinnig is wat die grondbeginsels van Vrymesselary betref nie. Die Grootlosie sal altyd oorweging skenk aan die erkenning van en sal erkenning soek by enige Grootlosie wat hierdie gevestigde en ongewysigde beginsels bely en of bedryf het. In geen omstandighede sal dit aan 'n gesprek deelneem wat daarop gemik is om 'n nuwe of gewysigde vertolking van hierdie beginsels te gee nie. Hierdie beginsels moet in die geheel volmondig bely en bedryf word deur diegene wat as Vrymesselaars erken wil word. Die Grootlosie sal verder geen betrekkinge aanknoop met enige Grootlosie wat op 'n vriendskaplike voet verkeer met enige persoon of liggaam wat hom nie streng by hierdie basiese beginsels hou nie.
- (10) Dat die Grootlosie 'n soewereine en onafhanklike liggaam is wat oor soewereine mag oor Losies onder sy beheer beskik. Dit is 'n verantwoordelike, onafhanklike, selfregerende organisasie met uitsluitlike gesag oor die Vak en Simboliese Grade binne sy jurisdiksie. Dit erken nie die bestaan van enige hoër Masonieke gesag nie, hoe dit ookal beskryf word.
- (11) Dat die stigting van die "Grootlosie van Aloue, Vry en Aangenome Messelaars van Suider-Afrika" in 1961 as 'n soewereine en onafhanklike Grootlosie deur Losies met Oktrooie van die Groot Ooste van die Nederlande in die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, Rhodesië en in Suid-Wes Afrika in geen opsig die regte en voorregte van enige Losie met 'n Magtingsbrief van die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland, die Grootlosie van Ierland en die Grootlosie van Skotland, wat nog altyd Masonieke gesag op gelyke voet in die genoemde oop gebiede gedeel het, sal aantas nie en dat hulle in hulle diskresie Oktrooie aan nuwe Losies sal kan toestaan. Dit is die wens van die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika dat hierdie harmonieuse gesindheid en gelykheid wat betref gesag in die toekoms, soos in die verlede, sal voortbestaan en verklaar hierby uitdruklik:
- (a) Dat al die Losies en die Koninklike Gewelfkapittels van Engelse, Ierse en Skotse oorsprong steeds erken sal word op 'n grondslag van absolute gelykheid.
- (b) Dat die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland, die Grootlosie van Ierland en die Grootlosie van Skotland steeds die bevoegdheid sal hê om in hulle diskresie nuwe Oktrooie uit te reik vir nuwe Losies (en Koninklike Gewelfkapittels) tot tyd en wyl dit gerade of

humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations between Governments or between political parties or questions as to rival theories of Government.

- (8) That the Grand Lodge refuses absolutely to have any relationship with bodies, styling themselves as Freemasons, which do not adhere to these basic principles; nor will it participate in any conference with so-called international associations which admit to membership bodies which fail to conform strictly to these principles and it shall not be represented by any such association.
- (9) That there is no secret with regard to any of the basic principles of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge will always consider the recognition of and seek recognition by those Grand Lodges which profess and practice and can show that they have consistently professed and practiced these established and unaltered principles, but in no circumstances will it enter into discussion with a view to any new or varied interpretation of them. These principles must be accepted and practiced wholeheartedly and in their entirety by those who desire to be recognized as Freemasons under this Grand Lodge. Furthermore, the Grand Lodge will not enter into any relationship with a Grand Lodge which is in amity with any body, which does not adhere strictly to these basic principles.
- (10) That the Grand Lodge is a sovereign and independent body and shall have sovereign jurisdiction over all the Lodges under its control being a responsible, independent, self-governing organisation with sole authority over the Craft of Symbolic Degrees within its jurisdiction. It does not recognize nor admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority in the Republic of South Africa, however styled.
- (11) That the establishment of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Southern Africa" as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge by the Lodges holding Charters from the Grand East of the Netherlands in the Republic of South Africa, in Rhodesia and in South West Africa in 1961, did not affect the rights and privileges enjoyed by any Lodges holding a Warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland which have always shared these Masonic jurisdictions on an equal basis in the said open territories and have granted Charters for new Lodges at their discretion. The Grand Lodge of Southern Africa desired that this harmonious relationship and equality of jurisdiction should continue in the future as in the past and hereby expressly declared then and does so now:
- (a) That all the Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters of English, Irish and Scottish origin shall continue to be recognised on the basis of absolute equality.
- (b) That the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall continue to have the right to grant new Charters for new Lodges (and Royal Arch Chapters) at their discretion, until such time in the future when it might be found expedient or necessary to

nodig geag word om 'n "Verenigde Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika" deur die vier Konstitusies, kragtens 'n onderlinge ooreenkoms, te stig.

- (c) Dat die bestaan van die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika as 'n onafhanklike Grootlosie nie die stigting van tyd tot tyd in oop gebiede deur die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland, die Grootlosie van Ierland en die Grootlosie van Skotland en hulle onderskeie Distriks- en Provinsiale Grootlosies en Dogterlosies van 'n ander of ander Grootlosies, met uitsluitlike gesag in oop gebiede oor die Vak en Simboliese Grade onder hulle administratiewe beheer, uitsluit nie.
- (12) Dat die lidmaatskap van die Grootlosie en die individuele Losies onder sy jurisdiksie uitsluitlik uit mans sal bestaan en dat elke Losie geen Masonieke gemeenskap van enige aard met gemengde Losies of liggame wat vroue toelaat sal hê nie.
- (13) Dat die beginsels van die Aloue Landmerke, sedes en gebruike van die Vak stiptelik nagekom sal word.

Met die toestemming van die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland en die Grootlosies van Ierland en Skotland is die naam van die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika op 8 Junie 1979 en na verdere samesprekings met die Grootlosie van Engeland, verander na die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika, welke naam op 8 Oktober 1979 bekragtig is. Waar die naam Suider-Afrika dus voorkom, moet dit geles word as Suid-Afrika.

Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika

DOELWIT

Dit is die doelwit van hierdie Grootlosie:

- (1) om alle vry denkende mans wat streef tot of wat alreeds bydra tot 'n vreedsame en armoede vry gemeenskap aan te moedig om lede te word;
- (2) om alle lede aan te moedig om hoër morele en etiese standaarde in hulle daaglikse lewens te handhaaf;
- (3) om elke lid aan te moedig om sy gelowigheid te bevorder en uit te brei en om dit met alle ander persone te deel;
- (4) om 'n goeie man 'n beter man te maak deur hom aan te moedig om die lesse wat hy in DBVDHW, die Rituale en in die Beginsels van die Orde leer, te ken, te verstaan en te beoefen;
- (5) om die ontwikkeling van elke lid se sosiale en gelowige gesindheid aan te moedig om sodoende sy swakhede te kan verstaan en oor te kom;
- (6) om elke lid te bemagtig om die lesse wat hy geleer het in sy gemeenskap toe te pas om dit sodoende te verhef;
- (7) om die konsepte van waarheid, integriteit, broederliefde en liefdadigheid in elke lid te bevorder sodat dit 'n deel word van sy leefwyse.

form a "United Grand Lodge of Southern Africa" by the four Constitutions acting by mutual agreement.

- (c) That the existence of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge shall not preclude the establishment in the open territories from time to time by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and their respective District and Provincial Grand Lodges and daughter Lodges of another or other Grand Lodges with sole and sovereign Masonic jurisdiction in the open territories over the Craft and Symbolic degrees within their administration.
- (12) That the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges shall be composed exclusively of men and that every Lodge shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed Lodges or bodies which admit women to its / their membership.
- (13) That the principles of the Ancient Landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed.

With the consent of the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, the name of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa was changed to the Grand Lodge of South Africa following discussions with the United Grand Lodge of England on 8 June 1979 and confirmed on 8 October 1979. Consequently, wherever the name "Southern Africa" appears, it shall be read as South Africa.

Grand Lodge of South Africa

OBJECTIVE

It is the objective of this Grand Lodge:

- (1) to encourage all free-thinking men who wish to and who may already contribute to peaceful and poverty-free communities, to become members;
- (2) to encourage every member to adopt high moral and ethical standards in his daily life;
- (3) to encourage every member to expand on and improve his spiritual growth and to share this with all persons with whom he comes into contact;
- (4) to make a good man a better man by encouraging him to know, understand and practice the lessons to be learnt in the VSL, the Rituals and the Protocols and Customs of the Order;
- (5) to encourage the development of every member's social and spiritual character which will let him understand his weaknesses and take steps to overcome them;
- (6) to empower every member to implement what he has learnt and thereby uplift the society in which he lives;
- (7) to inculcate the concepts of truth, integrity, brotherly love and charity in every member's life and make these a part of his being.

The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester



**Most Worshipful Bro / Hoogeerwaarde Br
Geoffrey Robert Edwards OSM / ODV**

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Grootlosie Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraers**



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RW / SV Bro David Duncan OSM / ODV**



**Assistant Grand Master / Asst Grootmeester
RW / SV Bro Victor Mühlenbeck**



**Assistant Grand Master / Asst Grootmeester
RW / SV Bro John Smith OSM / ODV**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER

20 AUGUST 2016

Introduction

Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to all of you here today. Many of you have travelled long distances to attend our meeting and your commitment and enthusiasm really is greatly appreciated. MW, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all, you all play a most important role in the development of our Grand Lodge and we cannot thank you enough for your support.

A very special welcome is extended to our foreign visitors from Greece, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Congo, Djibouti, Mauritius and Ghana. Brethren, we are truly proud to be able to call you our Brothers and particularly appreciate having you with us.

I recently followed up on our only surviving Past Grand Master. While still mentally sharp, MW Bro Ronnie Bauser OSM is not that well nowadays and you must keep him in your prayers.

Update from Last Year's Report

At last year's Annual Meeting I gave you an update on the initial progress that we had made since my installation and a broad outline of the direction in which we were endeavouring to steer the Grand Lodge of South Africa. We confirmed that Growth was still extremely important to ensure our long-term future but, having said that, it was not to be growth at all costs! We are looking for men who will match the high standards that we set and have the ability to become meaningful, contributing Brethren amongst us. We really are looking for "Quantity of Quality" and, let me say right at the outset of my report, that we are more than excited about the type of men that we are now attracting. In our view, if placed in their hands, our future should prove to be a most attractive one.

Having said that, however, the onus is on the Grand Lodge to ensure that we provide the type of environment that such men are seeking and expect to find. This means that we have to have a senior team who they can respect and respond to and various support structures that guarantee that their Freemasonry in general is a Quality experience.

We have also realised that the individual Divisions cannot most effectively meet the challenge alone and we have placed a lot of emphasis on pooling our resources and uniting our efforts. I like to believe that this is having a very positive impact on our progress and am delighted by the commitment that so many of our senior Brethren are displaying in support of our "National" initiatives. Synergy is defined as "the interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of

the individual elements". I believe that we are starting to benefit from such an effect in our organisation and that the results will speak for themselves.

Chain's Conference in Bloemfontein

As in the previous year, 2016 started with a Chain's Conference in Bloemfontein. In 2015 we had focused on reviewing where we were really at. We had set some basic objectives and determined what sort of areas we would focus on. At the beginning of 2016 we were more concerned with specific activities and projects and evaluating how we were progressing in terms of implementing the steps required to meet our objectives. Once again, the participation of the delegates was more than encouraging and it really was exciting to see how our members were willing to commit themselves to meeting the various challenges presented. The conference also stimulated strong fraternal interaction between the Brethren and this certainly assists us in promoting our efforts on a united front rather than on a Division by Division basis.

Conference arrangements were coordinated by RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM and local arrangements were made by RW Bro Alf Brønner and his team. Everybody who was involved in setting up the conference excelled and their contributions to our overall efforts are greatly appreciated.

In my view our overall objectives are to create a growing organisation based on attracting Quality Brethren and providing them with a Quality experience in an environment where strong fraternal interactions are maintained and our members enjoy their Masonic experiences. The conference focused on some of the ingredients which will make this ever more achievable.

Lodges and Membership

While we would be fooling ourselves if we suggested that we have completely won the battle against falling membership, it is a reality that we are continuing to make some significant progress. Several of our Divisions are really applying themselves to the challenge and we now have a number of Lodges who are performing exceptionally well. In general, our successful Lodges continue to pay a great deal of attention to all aspects of their Freemasonry, whether it be ritual work, education, charitable initiatives or social contact within the Lodge. The Brethren involved are proud of their Lodges and, as a result, talking to the profane becomes considerably easier and more appealing.

I recently saw a quotation that went "If you don't know where to start, start somewhere" and it is a reality that almost without exception, every Division or Lodge that seriously endeavours to uplift itself, enjoys a level of success. It's not so much dependent on what you do, it's about making a commitment and setting about doing something!

It's also worth noting that we have the formation of a number of new Lodges under investigation at present and this could have a significant impact on our overall strength.

I should also record, incidentally, that while we are very aware that some of our Divisions have dangerously low numbers, we do not have any immediate plans for considering changes to our Provincial structures. In our view we have plenty of challenges to focus on at present and really don't have any desire to potentially disrupt the overall harmony of our Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Database and Technology

As we noted a year ago, for us to progress the way we envisage it is essential that we have a properly maintained national database. Subsequent to the 2015 AGM RW Bro Avron Jacobson and his team have identified and we have committed to an American database system which is running successfully at various Grand Lodges in the USA. There are a number of modifications required to meet our local requirements and these are being attended to at present. We are also in the process of converting our current database information to fit the new package and, while the process is a bit slow and laborious, based on the findings related to our current progress, we have every reason to be enthusiastic about the benefits that we will derive from the final result.

The new database will enhance our administrative procedures, more effectively monitor and manage our finances and will enable a level of communication between Grand Lodge and the individual Brethren that we couldn't previously even dream of. It will provide management information for our senior Officers and enable us to be far more effective in distributing information and monitoring, managing and assisting our Divisions, Lodges and Brethren.

I must compliment RW Bro Jacobson on the excellent work that he has performed thus far and expect to see a great deal of activity on this project in the course of the year ahead. We will need to define our levels of access, draw up a detailed roll-out plan and organise relevant training for the various Brethren at all levels in our organisation.

Secretariat

While RW Bro Izak Heyneke continues to contribute a great deal as our Grand Secretary, the reality is that he does so at significant personal

cost. Despite the demands of running his successful travel business, he attends to all the centralised administrative functions related to our Grand Lodge, handles the interactions with foreign Grand Lodges, plays a role on the Finance Committee and helps to manage the Orange Grove complex. I cannot thank RW Bro Heyneke enough for his dedication and considerable contribution to our progress and give him the assurance that we will continue to explore a more appropriate long-term solution with suitable urgency.

Finance

The Finance Committee is very ably chaired by RW Bro Dave Duncan, with the Grand Treasurer being VW Bro Brandon Topham. While the financial details will be reported on after my report's completion, I would be remiss in not acknowledging the very high standards set by all the Brethren involved. VW Bro Topham offers an exciting level of commitment and expertise to this activity area and he is making a very significant, and much appreciated, contribution to our efforts.

From my perspective, Brethren, we will strongly back the more effective control of the overall finances of our organisation. You are all well aware of the unfortunate situation which arose in the Eastern Cape and the unpleasant consequences. The reality is, however, that we, as a responsible organisation, cannot allow individual Brethren to have unrestricted access to finances to the potential detriment of their Brethren, their Lodges or the GLSA. Meaningful monitoring of finances is essential for the ongoing welfare of all involved and will be pursued more vigorously in future.

Constitution and Laws

Having decided that our "Masonic Book of Life" would be the core document issued to all new Brethren and available to all Brethren in the GLSA, it was a logical progression to incorporate such documents as our finally released "Masonic Protocols" and our "Constitution and Laws" into it. By doing so we have created a situation where we can sensibly issue updates to these documents without creating undue complexity for the users. We have also modified the index to the "Constitution and Laws" to refer to articles rather than pages which has made for a far more easily accessed document. This document is also included on the Grand Lodge web site and there really is no reason why any of our members should ever be referring to outdated information.

Both of these documents are developed and maintained by RW Bro John Smith OSM's team and his commitment and high standards are quite exceptional.

Rituals

These, once again, fall under RW Bro John Smith OSM. While it is a never-ending process, we have now tidied up all 3 degree rituals in English and Afrikaans and have released them in A5 format. We are urging Lodges to ensure that all their Brethren are working from the new versions of the rituals and will explore ways of maintaining them without falling back on costly reprints.

RW Bro John Smith and his team are also tidying up our other rituals as and when the need arises and are to be thanked for their sterling efforts.

Communication

The Square and Compasses continues to be extremely effective and we receive regular positive feedback from all over the country and, indeed, around the world. A few days ago, for example, I had a call from a 50 year veteran who is now wheelchair bound and in a frail care centre. He just wanted me to know how much he appreciated being kept updated on our progress and being made to feel that he was still part of us. It really does distress me that some Secretaries are not getting the Newsletter to their Brethren, but maybe our new database system will help us to address this.

RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM initiated our Newsletter over 4 years ago. He was also responsible for getting our 2015 Year Book completed and released by January this year, having a major impact on our credibility in this regard. He has every reason to feel proud of these outstanding achievements.

Both documents are, incidentally, included on the Grand Lodge web site which continues to be commendably supported by RW Bro George Schuitemaker OSM.

We are also expecting our new database system to have a positive impact on our communications.

Education

As mentioned earlier, the GLSA Freemason's "Book of Life" is now our base document and is handed out to all new Brethren as a matter of course and updated as they progress. We are still working on the mentoring program and will implement this as part of this document over the next few months, but it will certainly include some specific activities required to be completed before candidates can advance between degrees.

RW Bro Alan van der Vyver has done an outstanding job of producing a Ritual Excellence Program and this has already been launched in Northern Division. The importance of performing ritual work of a high standard cannot be underestimated and this initiative will strongly

support and encourage this. Southern Division will be launching the program in the near future and they will hopefully be followed by the rest of our Divisions.

Once again, our new database system is going to play a major role in our education initiatives as it will allow us to distribute material in a manner never before possible.

Royal Arch and the AASR

At our Bloemfontein conference it was agreed that we would take a much stronger stand in terms of promoting the Royal Arch and Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite side degrees. These are a logical progression from the craft degrees and Brethren will now be encouraged to pursue them as soon as they have been raised as Master Masons. It is envisaged that this will also have an impact on our ability to retain Brethren in that difficult period between completing the craft degrees and advancing to a more significant position in their craft Lodges.

I must thank the heads of the Royal Arch, Most Excellent Companion Johan Britz, and of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Most Puissant Bro Piet Coetzee, for the exemplary manner in which we conduct our Masonic activities together.

As you will observe, it has been decreed that these 2 Brethren may wear their Heads of RA and AASR regalia when attending our Annual Meeting. The Constitution has been updated accordingly.

Grand Lodge Committees

Both the Grand Lodge Management and Executive Committee meetings are held in line with our agreed timetable and often produce vigorous debate and, in my opinion, result in effective decision making. I personally look forward to these gatherings and am delighted at the calibre of Brethren that we have involved. Our Grand Secretary, RW Bro Izak Heyneke, contributes much by his efficient administrative support of these activities.

Grand Lodge Officers

Firstly, I cannot rate my Commissioned Officers highly enough and they all play a major role in our activities and progress. From my extremely supportive and committed Brother, friend and Deputy, RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, to our Assistant Grand Masters and all our Provincial Grand Masters, we have capable and dedicated Masons who make a real difference. They are a pleasure to work with, fun to spend time with and Brethren who, by their example, inspire me to never give less than my absolute best. They really make my job worthwhile.

Earlier today RW Bro Avron Jacobson retired as Provincial Grand Master of Southern Division and I thank him again, most sincerely for 4 dedicated years. He will continue to head up our Technology activities and to be a more than significant player in our immediate future. He has been replaced by RW Bro Tommy Hardiman who I am confident will excel in his new role. I have also formally appointed VW Bro Keith Hutton as the new Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Cape Division and he will be installed as such at their November Annual Meeting.

How I will be remembered as a Grand Master is not for me to judge. What I do know, however, is that I have been very effective in putting together a team of Grand Lodge Officers who are a credit to our Grand Lodge. They are committed and willing and all share the desire for excellence that we are continually promoting. I always look forward to sharing time with them and feel great pride when we gather for a call-out. Brethren I thank you one and all for making my job quite so worthwhile. We still, incidentally, see them playing a lead role in our mentorship program.

Relationships with other Grand Lodges

Locally, our relationships with the Brethren of the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions remain at a very high level and our Provincial Grand Masters continue to nurture these relationships at every opportunity. Further afield, we value our relationships with both the African Grand Lodges as well as those Grand Lodges based in Europe and around the world.

We clearly cannot afford to travel extensively and it therefore becomes most important that we maximise such opportunities as arise. In the past year I attended the installation of the Grand Lodge of France with 72 Grand Lodges in attendance, and Burkina Faso with 14 Grand

Lodges present. Both were memorable and extremely valuable and did much to promote our Grand Lodge. In the immediate future RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM will be attending the Grand Lodge of Cameroon installation while I will be present at the installation of the new Grand Master of Portugal.

Conclusion

While the year has been, in many ways, a most interesting and successful one, there are still challenges to address and so much that requires to be done. I like to believe, however, that we are progressing in the right direction and that, with the support of our Brethren and the GAOTU, we have every reason to be optimistic about the months and years that lie ahead. From my personal point of view, my term of office ends next year and I do not intend to stand for reelection. Knowing the probable candidates, however, I have no doubt whatsoever that whoever is elected as my successor will prove more than able to serve our Grand Lodge with distinction.

In closing, I acknowledge the guidance and blessings of the GAOTU as we endeavour to perform our tasks to his eternal glory. I also pay tribute to my wife and the wives of all my colleagues for the manner in which they support and encourage us in all our endeavours. They make it all so special.

Finally, Brethren all, I thank you for your support and am proud to be your Brother.

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M W Bro Geoff Edwards OSM
Grand Master

GROOTMEESTER SE JAARVERSLAG 20 AUGUSTUS 2016

Inleiding

Graag wil ek begin deur 'n hartlike verwelkoming te rig aan almal vandag hier teenwoordig. Baie van u het aansienlike afstande gereis om ons vergadering by te woon en u toewyding en entoesiasme word werklik waardeer. HE, SV, SA, Agb Brs en Brs almal, van u speel 'n beduidende rol in die ontwikkeling van ons Grootloosie en ons kan u nie genoeg bedank vir u volgehoue ondersteuning nie.

'n Spesiale woord van welkom word gerig aan ons buitelandse besoekers vanaf Griekeland,

Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Congo, Djibouti, Mauritius en Ghana. Broeders, ons is ontsettend trots om u ons Broeders te noem en u teenwoordigheid by ons vergadering word waardeer.

Ek het onlangs verneem hoe dit met ons enigste oorlewende Oud Grootmeester HE Br Ronnie Bauser ODV gaan, ongelukkig geniet hy nie goeie gesondheid nie maar verstandelik is hy nog baie skerp en ek versoek u om hom in u gebede te onthou.

Voortspruitend Uit My Verslag Van Die Vorige Jaar

Gedurende laasjaar se Algemene Jaarvergadering het ek 'n verslag van die vordering wat ons sedert my bevestiging gemaak het aan u voorgelê asook breë riglyne van die rigting wat ons beplan om die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika in te stuur. Ons bevestig weer dat 'n Groei strategie nog steeds as uiters belangrik beskou word om ons langtermyn toekoms te verseker, maar dit is belangrik dat ons u ook moet verseker dat dit nie groei ten alle koste moet wees nie. Ons stel baie belang in manne wat voldoen aan die hoë standaarde wat ons stel en wat oor die vaardighede en houding beskik om Broeders van ons te word en wat waarde tot die Orde toevoeg. Ons wil regtig 'n groot getal van kwaliteit broeders tot ons ledetal voeg, en graag wil ek vanaf die begin van my verslag sê dat ons meer as opgewonde is oor die tipe man wat nou aansoek doen om lede te word. Volgens ons mening sal ons toekoms as uiters aantreklik beskou kan word indien ons dit in hulle hande plaas.

Die onus berus steeds op Grootlosie om te verseker dat ons die tipe omgewing skep wat sulke manne in belang stel en verwag om te vind. Dit beteken dat ons oor 'n senior span moet beskik wat hulle kan respekteer en aanklank by vind asook ondersteunende strukture wat hul Vrymesselary as 'n onbetwiste "Kwaliteit" ervaring kan waarborg.

Ons het ook besef dat die onderskeie Divisies nie die uitdagings op 'n doeltreffende wyse alleen kan baasraak nie en dus is daar besluit om baie aandag te skenk daaraan om ons hulpbronne saam te voeg en ons pogings gesamentlik aan te pak. Ek glo dat dit 'n baie positiewe impak het op ons vordering ek ek is verheug deur die toewyding wat deur so baie senior Broeders weerspieël word in hul ondersteuning van ons "Nasionale" inisiatiewe. Sinergie word gedefinieer as "die interaksie van elemente dat wanneer saamgevoeg 'n effek lewer waarvan die som groter is as die som van individuele elemente". Ek glo dat ons begin om die voordeel te trek van so 'n effek en dat die resultate vir hulself sal spreek.

"Chains" Konferensie In Bloemfontein

Soos in die vorige jaar het 2016 met die "Chains" Konferensie in Bloemfontein begin. In 2015 het ons gefokus op waar ons onself bevind. Ons het basiese doelwitte gestel en bepaal op watter areas ons moet fokus. In die begin van 2016 was ons meer begaan oor spesifieke aktiwiteite, projekte en die evaluering van hoe ons vorder met die implementering van die stappe om ons doelwitte te bereik. Weereens was die deelname van die afgevaardigdes bemoedigend en dit was opwindend om te sien hoe ons lede bereid is om

hulself te verbind aan die verskeie uitdagings wat aan hulle gestel word. Die konferensie het ook broederlike interaksie tussen die Broeders aangemoedig en dit het ons gehelp om ons doelwitte te bevorder deur dit aan 'n homogene groep voor te hou in plaas van onderskeie Divisies.

Die reëlings vir die konferensie is gekoördineer deur SV Br Dave Duncan ODV en plaaslike reëlings is deur SV Br Alf Brönnner en sy span behartig. Almal wat betrokke was met die reëlings van die konferensie het hulself oortref en hul bydraes tot ons pogings in die geheel word baie gewaardeer.

Volgens my opinie is ons oorhoofse doelwitte om 'n groeiende organisasie te skep wat daarop gerig is om kwaliteit Broeders aan te trek en aan hulle 'n "kwaliteit" ervaring te besorg waar broederlike interaksie gehandhaaf word en die lede hul Masonieke ervarings geniet. Die konferensie het dus gefokus op sommige van die bestandele wat nodig is om dit bereikbaar te maak.

Losies En Lidmaatskap

Terwyl ons onself sal bluf as ons sou aanneem dat ons die oorlog teen dalende lidmaatskap getalle gewen het, is dit 'n realiteit dat ons deurgaans beduidende vordering maak. Heelparty Divisies wend 'n daadwerklike poging aan om hierdie uitdaging die hoof te bied en ons het nou 'n aantal Losies wat werklik baie goed doen. Die suksesvolle Losies, in die algemeen, skenk aandag aan al die aspekte van hul Vrymesselary, hetsy ritueel werk, opleiding, liefdadigheids projekte en sosiale interaksie in die Losie. Die Broeders betrokke is trots op hul Losies en as 'n gevolg raak dit heelwat makliker om met die profane wêreld te praat en ook meer aanloklik.

Ek het onlangs 'n aanhaling gesien wat sê dat as jy nie weet waar om te begin nie, begin dan êrens, en dit is sonder uitsondering 'n realiteit dat elke Divisie of Losie wat ernstig poog om hulself op te hef 'n sekere vlak van sukses geniet.

Ook is dit werd om daarvan kennis te neem dat die vorming van 'n aantal nuwe Losies tans ondersoek word en dit kan 'n beduidende impak hê op ons algehele ledetal.

Graag wil ek ook dit op rekord plaas dat alhoewel ons weet dat sommige Divisies se ledetal gevaarlik laag is, ons nie enige onmiddellike planne het om enige verandering aan ons Divisie strukture aan te bring nie. Volgens ons mening het ons huidiglik genoeg uitdagings om op te fokus en het regtig nie die begeerte om potensiëel die harmonie van ons Grootlosie te versteur nie.

Grootlosie Databasis En Tegnologie

Soos 'n jaar gelede aangedui, is dit vir ons om te vorder soos ons dit voorstel, uiters noodsaaklik om oor 'n nasionale databasis te beskik

wat behoorlik onderhou word. Na die 2015 Jaarvergadering het SV Br Avron Jacobson en sy span 'n Amerikaanse databasis geïdentifiseer wat suksesvol deur verskeie Amerikaanse Grootlosies gebruik word. Daar is 'n aantal veranderinge nodig om te voldoen aan plaaslike vereistes en daaraan word tans aandag geskenk. Ons is ook tans in die proses om ons huidige databasis aan te pas om by die nuwe aanwending in te skakel. Terwyl die proses stadig en arbeidsintensief is, gebaseer op op die bevindinge van die huidige proses, het ons elke rede om entoesiasies te wees oor die voordele wat ons sal put uit die finale resultaat.

Die nuwe databasis sal waarde tot ons administratiewe prosedures toevoeg, ons finansies meer doeltreffend bestuur en kommunikasie tussen die Grootlosie en individuele Broeders bewerkstellig wat ons voreen as nie moontlik beskou het nie. Dit sal bestuursinligting aan ons senior ampsdraers verskaf en ons in staat stel om inligting meer doeltreffend te versprei en te monitor en om ons Divisies, Losies en Broeders te bestuur en by te staan.

Ek moet SV Br Jacobson komplimenteer met die uitstekende werk wat hy tot nou toe gelewer het en ek verwag om 'n groot hoeveelheid aktiwiteit in hierdie projek te sien in die jaar vorentoe. Ons sal ons vlakke van toegang moet definieer, 'n gedetailleerde implementeringsplan daar moet stel en relevante opleiding vir die verskillende Broeders op alle vlakke in ons organisasie.

Sekretariaat

Terwyl SV Br Izak Heyneke nog steeds 'n groot bydrae maak as ons Grootsekretaris is dit 'n realiteit dat hy dit doen teen 'n aansienlike persoonlike koste. Ten spyte dat hy verantwoordelik is vir die bestuur van sy reisbesigheid skenk hy aandag aan al die gesentraliseerde administratiewe funksies van Grootlosie, die interaksie met buitelandse Grootlosies en is ook lid van die finansiële komitee en is betrokke by Grootlosie sentrum se bestuur. Ek kan SV Br Heyneke nie genoeg bedank vir sy toewyding en aansienlike bydrae tot ons vordering nie en gee hom die versekering dat ons dringend voortgaan om 'n meer werkbare langtermyn oplossing te vind.

Finansies

Die Finansiële Komitee word baie goed deur SV Br Dave Duncan bestuur saam met die Groot Tesourier, S Agb. Br Brandon Topham. Terwyl daar oor die finansiële besonderhede verslag sal gedoen word net na die voltooiing van hierdie verslag sal ek nalaat om nie erkenning te gee aan die hoë standarde wat deur die Broeders wat betrokke is gehandhaaf word nie. S Agb. Br

Topham demonstreer 'n opwindende vlak van toewyding en spesialis kennis en hy maak 'n beduidende en hoogs gewaardeerde bydrae tot ons pogings in hierdie funksionele area.

Broeders, vanaf my perspektief sal ons die meer doeltreffende kontrole en bestuur van ons organisasie se finansies sterk ondersteun. U is almal bewus van die ongelukkige situasie wat in die Oos Kaap Divisie ontstaan het en die onsmaklike gevolge daarvan. Die realiteit is dat ons as verantwoordelike organisasie, nie aan individuele Broeders onbeperkte toegang tot finansiële bronne kan gee wat tot die potensiële verlies van die Broeders, hul Losies en die GLSA kan lei nie. Doeltreffende monitering van finansies is noodsaaklik vir die voortgesette welvaart van almal betrokke en sal meer nougeset nagekom moet word in die toekoms.

Konstitusie En Wette

Soos besluit sal die "Masonic Book of Life" die kern bron dokument wees wat aan alle nuwe Broeders gegee word en beskikbaar aan al die ander Broeders van die GLSA, dit was 'n logiese stap dat dokumente soos die finaal uitgereikte "Masonieke Protokol en Etiket" en ons Konstitusie en Wette hierby gevoeg word. Deur dit te doen het ons 'n situasie geskep waar ons gereelde opdaterings tot hierdie dokumente kan verskaf sonder dat dit ongerief vir die verbruikers daarvan verskaf. Ons het ook aanpassings aan die indeks van die Konstitusie en Wette gemaak deur te verwys na die artikels in plaas van die bladsye wat toegang tot die dokument vergemaklik. Hierdie dokument is ook in die Grootlosie webtuiste ingesluit en daar is geen rede waarom enige lid na verouderde inligting hoef te verwys nie.

Beide hierdie dokumente is ontwikkel en word in stand gehou deur SV Br John Smith ODV en sy toewyding en hoë standarde is uitsonderlik.

Rituale

Weereens is hierdie verantwoordelikheid die van SV Br John Smith ODV, terwyl dit 'n nimmereindigende proses is het ons nou al drie rituale in Afrikaans nagegaan en foute reggestel en dit word in die A5 formaat beskikbaar gestel. Ons doen 'n beroep op Losies om te verseker dat al die Broeders nou uit die nuwe weergawes van die rituale werk. Metodes om hulle in stand te hou sonder duur herdrukke word ondersoek.

SV Br John Smith en sy span is ook besig om al ons ander rituale te redigeer soos en wanneer nodig en ons bedank hulle vir hulle uitmuntende pogings.

Kommunikasie

Die “Square and Compasses” gaan voort om ‘n uiters doeltreffende kommunikasie medium te wees en ons ontvang gereeld positiewe terugvoer van oor die hele land en inderdaad van oor die hele wêreld. “n Paar dae terug het ek ‘n oproep van ‘n 50 jaar veteraan gehad wat nou in ‘n rystoel is en in ‘n versorgingseenheid. Hy het my meegeedeel hoe hy dit waardeer om gereeld opgedateer te word oor ons vordering en doen en late en sodoende te voel dat hy nog deel is van ons. Dit ontstel my dat sekere Sekretarisse nog nie die nuusbrief aan hul lede uitstuur nie, dalk sal ons nuwe databasis die probleem aanspreek en oplos.

SV Br Dave Duncan ODV het die nuusbrief meer as vier jaar gelede geïnisieer, hy was ook verantwoordelik om ons 2015 Jaarboek te voltooi en te versprei teen Januarie vanjaar wat ‘n beduidende impak op ons geloofwaardigheid gemaak het. Hy het genoeg rede om trots te wees op hierdie uitstaande prestasies.

Beide dokumente is, toevallig ingesluit in die Grootlosie webtuiste wat nog steeds deur SV Br George Schuitemaker ODV in stand gehou word, ons bedank hom.

Ons verwag dat ons nuwe databasis stelsel ‘n positiewe impak sal hê op ons kommunikasie.

Opleiding

Soos vroër gemeld is die “Masonic Book of Life” nou ons kern bron dokument en word aan alle nuwe Broeders versprei as deel van sy dokumentasie en word opgedateer soos hy vorder. Ons werk nog steeds aan die mentor program en sal dit implementeer as deel van voorgenoemde dokument gedurende die volgende paar maande, maar dit sal beslis sekere aktiwiteite insluit wat voltooi sal moet word voordat kandidate kan vorder tussen grade.

SV Br Alan Van Der Vyver het uitstaande werk gedoen deur ‘n Ritueel Voortrefflikheids Program te ontwikkel en dit is reeds in die Noordelike Divisie bekend gestel. Die belangrikheid om ritueelwerk van ‘n hoë standaard te lewer moet nie onderskat word nie en hierdie inisiatief sal sterk ondersteun en aangemoedig word. Die Suidelike Divisie sal die program in die nabye toekoms bekend stel en dan hopelik gevolg deur die ander Divisies.

Weereens sal ons nuwe databasis ‘n baie belangrike rol speel in ons opleiding insiatiewe omrede dit ons sal toelaat om materiaal te versprei op ‘n wyse wat voorheen nie moontlik was nie.

Koninklike Gewelf En Die AASR

By ons konferensie in Bloemfontein was dit ooreengekom dat ons ‘n sterker standpunt sal inneem om die Koninklike Gewelf en “Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite” te bevorder. Hierdie is

die logiese vordering vanaf die vakgrade en Broeders sal nou aangemoedig word om hierdie rigting te volg sodra hulle verhef is as Meester Vrymesselaars. Dit word ook gesien as ‘n wyse om Broeders te behou in daardie moeilike periode tussen die voltooiing van die vakgrade en die vordering na ‘n meer belangrike pos in hul vaklosie.

Ek moet die hoofde van die Koninklike Gewelf, Seer Verhewe Metgesel, Johan Britz en Mees Puissante Br Piet Coetzee van die “Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite” bedank vir die uitsonderlike manier waarop ons saamwerk aan ons Masonieke aktiwiteite.

Soos u opmerk is dit besluit dat hierdie twee Broeders hul onderskeie Ordes se regalia kan dra tydens ons Jaarvergadering. Die Konstitusie is met hierdie reëling aangepas.

Grootlosie Komitees

Beide die Grootlosie Bestuurskomitee en Uitvoerende Komitee se vergaderings word gehou soos ons ooreengekome tydtafel en word dikwels gekenmerk deur vurige debatte wat volgens my mening lei tot doeltreffende besluitneming. Persoonlik sien ek uit na hierdie vergaderings en is verheug deur die gehalte van die Broeders betrokke. SV Br Izak Heyneke lewer ‘n groot bydrae deur die administratiewe ondersteuning van hierdie aktiwiteite.

Grootlosie Ampsdraers

Eerstens kan ek my gevolmagtigde ampsdraers nie hoog genoeg ag nie en hulle almal speel ‘n baie belangrike rol in ons aktiwiteite en vordering. Van my uiters ondersteunende en toegewyde Broeder en vriend, Adjunk Grootmeester SV Br Dave Duncan OSM tot ons Assistent Grootmeesters en al ons Provinsiale Grootmeesters het ons bekwame en toegewyde Vrymesselaars wat ‘n ware verskil maak. Dit is ‘n plesier om saam met hulle te werk en pret om mee tyd saam te spandeer. Hulle is Broeders wat deur voorbeeld my inspireer om om nooit minder as my beste te gee nie. Hulle maak my werk die moeite werd.

Vroër vandag het SV Br Avron Jacobson as Provinsiale Grootmeester, Suidelike Divisie uitgetree en weereens bedank ek hom hartlik vir vier toegewyde jare. Hy sal voortgaan om ons Tegnologiese aktiwiteite te bestuur en ‘n meer belangrike rol te speel in die nabye toekoms. Hy is vervang deur SV Br Tommy Hardiman en ek is vol vertrouwe dat hy in sy nuwe rol sal uitblink. Ook het ek S Agb Br Keith Hutton amptelik as die nuwe Provinsiale Grootmeester van die Oos Kaap Divisie aangestel en hy sal gedurende die Oos Kaap Jaarvergadering in November bevestig word.

Hoe ek as Grootmeester onthou sal word is nie vir my om te oordeel nie. Wat ek wel weet is dat ek baie doeltreffend was met die samestelling van 'n span van Grootlosie Ampsdraers wat 'n bate is vir ons Grootlosie. Hulle is toegewyd en gewillig en almal deel die begeerte vir voortreflikheid wat ons deurgaans bevorder. Ek sie altyd daarna uit om tyd saam met hulle te deel en is baie trots wanneer ons saamkom vir 'n Grootlosie Oproep. Broeders ek dank u een en almal vir u bydrae om my werk die moeite werd te maak. Ons voorsien vir u almal 'n leidende rol in ons mentor program.

Betrekkinge Met Ander Grootlosies

Plaaslik is ons betrekkinge met die Broeders van die Engelse, Skotse en Ierse Konstitusie steeds op 'n gesonde vlak en ons Provinsiale Grootmeesters gaan voort om hierdie betrekkinge in stand te hou by elke geleentheid. Verder van die huis heg ons groot waarde aan ons betrekkinge met die Afrika Grootlosies sowel as die Grootlosies in Europa en rondom die wêreld.

Dit is ongelukkig nie vir ons moontlik om uitgebreide reise te onderneem nie en daarom is dit uiters belangrik dat ons die maksimum blootstelling kry wanneer die geleentheid hom voordoen. Gedurende die afgelope jaar het ek die Jaarvergadering van die Nasionale Grootlosie van bevestiging Frankryk bygewoon met 72 Grootlosies teenwoordig. Burkina Faso met 14 Grootlosies treenwoordig. Beide was geleenthede om te onthou en ontsettend waardevol om ons Grootlosie te bevorder. In die nabye toekoms sal SV Br Dave Duncan ODV die bevestiging van die Grootlosie van Kameroen bywoon en ek die

bevestiging van die nuwe Grootmeester van die Grootlosie van Portugal.

Samevatting

Terwyl die jaar in baie gevalle as 'n interessante en suksesvolle jaar beskou kan word is daar steeds baie uitdagings om aan te spreek en soveel om te doen. Ek hou daarvan om te glo dat ons in die regte rigting vorder en met die ondersteuning van van ons Broeders en die OBVDH ons elke rede het om optimisties te wees oor die maande en jare wat voorlê. Vanaf my persoonlike oogpunt eindig my termyn as Grootmeester volgende jaar en ek het geen intensie om te staan vir herverkieing nie. Die moontlikhede kandidate is aan my bekend en ek het geen twyfel dat wie ookal verkies sal word as my opvolger meer as bevoeg sal wees om ons Grootlosie te dien met onderskeiding.

In sluiting, erken ek die leiding en sêeninge van die OBVDH soos ons poog om ons take uit te voer tot eer van Sy ewige glorie. Ook wil ek graag erkenning gee aan my eggenote en die eggenotes van my kollegas vir die wyse waarop hulle ons ondersteun en aanmoedig in al ons ondernemings. Hulle maak dit so spesiaal.

Ten slotte bedank ek u Broeders vir u ondersteuning, ek is trots om u Broeder te wees.

MDSW



**HE Broeder Geoff Edwards ODV
Grootmeester**



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With the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Burkina Faso MW Bro Alain Roger Coefe

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*	Greenwood TW	1979	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Feintuch M	1980	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
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*	van Niekerk A	1983	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
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*	Violett SA	1986	Past Provincial Grand Master / Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester
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*	Burchell GH	1991	Past Asst Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Asst Grootseremoniemeester
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*	Bowen JT	2002	Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester
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*	Alexander AAR	2007	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
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	Coetzee FCP	2013	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
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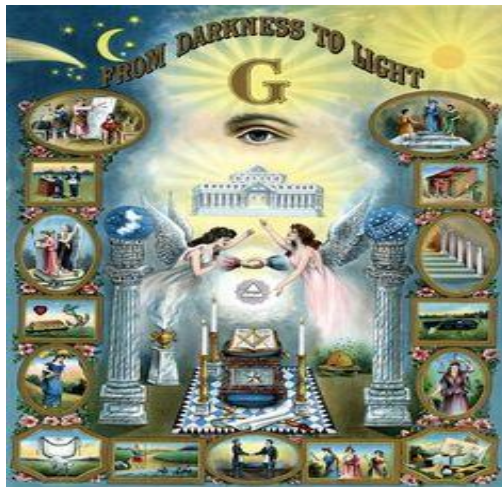
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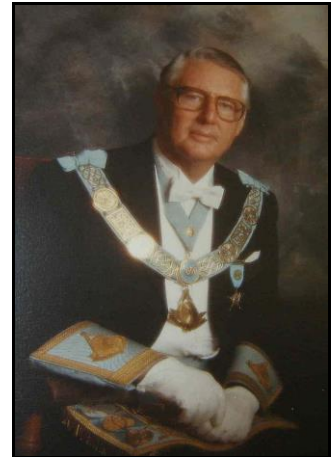
Past Grand Masters /Oud-Grootmeesters.



**MW Bro CG Botha
1961 to 1966**



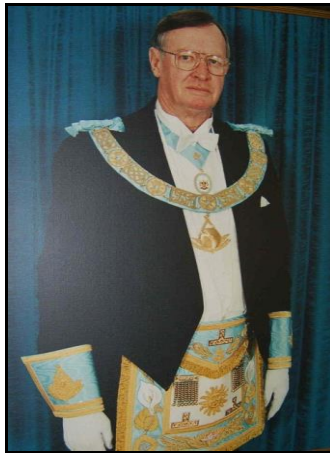
**MW Bro E Conradie
1966 to 1973**



**MW Bro SR Gasson
1973 to 1983**



**MW Bro CB Groenewald
1983 to 1991**



**MW Bro RS Bauser
1991 to 1997**



**MW Bro B Lindeque
1997 to 2003**



**MW Bro J T Bowen
2003 to 2008**



**MW Bro A Watson
2008 to 2014**



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oud Grootlosie Rang Gediën / Past Grand Lodge Rank Served.

Oud Grootmeester / Past Grand Master							
	Bauser	RS	OSM /ODV	*	Gasson	SR	OSM /ODV
*	Botha	CG		*	Groenewald	CB	OSM /ODV
*	Bowen	JT	OSM /ODV	*	Lindeque	BG	OSM /ODV
*	Conradie	E	OSM /ODV	*	Watson	A	OSM /ODV
Oud Adjunk Grootmeester / Past Deputy Grand Master							
*	Alexander	AAR	OSM /ODV	*	Pepler	H	
*	de Wet	CH		*	Sandler	NS	
*	Jacot-Guilarmod	MH	OSM /ODV	*	Snyman	WC	
*	Louw	MC	OSM /ODV	*	Strauss	JJ	
Oud Assistent Grootmeester / Past Assistant Grand Master							
*	Bosman	HL		*	Haarburger	H	OSM /ODV
*	Brits	PRJM		*	Hamilton	CG	OSM /ODV
*	Burnard	FH		*	Hancke	le R	OSM /ODV
	Coetzee	FP	OSM /ODV		Hinrichs	RC	
*	Cohen	HW			Karstens	GS	
*	Daleboudt	HM	OSM /ODV	*	Levin	M	OSM /ODV
*	Feintuch	M	OSM /ODV		Schuitemaker	GLN	OSM /ODV
*	Ferreira	PH		*	van Niekerk	A	OSM /ODV
*	Greenwood	TW	OSM /ODV				
Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester / Past Provincial Grand Master							
	Botha	FJ		*	Mitchell	SJ	
*	Breedt	GC			Olivier	JHC	
*	Cullen	JW		*	Pretorius	AP	
*	de Lange	JH			Rhodie	AGA	
*	de Villiers	GR			Rudram	N	
*	Delport	A		*	Selke	HEK	
*	du Plooy	MC		*	van der Spuy	PAM	
*	Edmeades	HC			van Rensburg	JJ	
	Fourie	LJ		*	van Wyk	JL	
*	France	R			van Wyk	MC	
*	Inggs	CJC			Vermaak	SCJ	
	Jacobsen	AI		*	Violett	SA	OSM /ODV
*	Klopper	B			Watkinson	PN	OSM /ODV
*	Louw	HA			Worms	LE	
	Marais	LB					
Oud Groot Eerste Opsier / Past Grand Senior Warden							
*	Bain	WJ			Neuhaus	BL	
*	Barnard	CW		*	Newman	J	
	Britz	JJ		*	Penberthy	CP	
*	Clark	GAL		*	Phillips	L	
*	Cohen	H		*	Rademan	S	

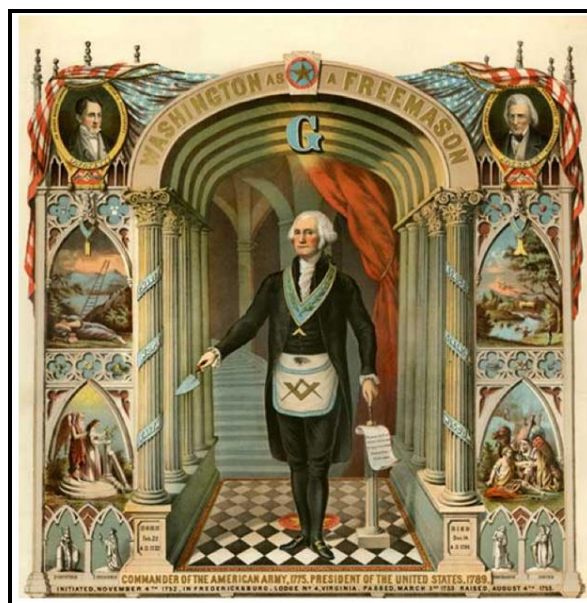
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*	de Bruto	JH		*	Rive	FJM	
*	du Bruyn	IL			Rozen	M	
*	Glenton	HG		*	Shubitz	ID	
	Gobitz	JM		*	Spalding	DH	
*	Greeff	PA		*	Staal	FB	
	Janse van Rensburg	PJ		*	van der Merwe	RF	
*	Katz	PP			Viljoen	HGD	
	Klein	N	OSM/ODV	*	Werner	CJ	
*	Maas	DA			Willemse	CJ	
*	Menego	BR		*	Willis	PL	
*	Meyers	RS					
Oud Groot Tweede Opsier / Past Grand Junior Warden							
*	Bronkhorst	CW		*	Lifson	JA	
*	Cutler	G			Newby-Fraser	SK	
	Gilbert	E		*	Steytler	H duP	
*	Goudie	AM		*	Todd	SCH	
*	Henschel	PA		*	van der Merwe	PJ	
*	Kaplan	P		*	Visser	WJ	
	Kloppers	SP		*	Whittaker	JW	
*	Lacey	EM					
Oud Groot Redenaar / Past Grand Orator							
*	Awe	AE			Manefeldt	K	
	Becker	HL		*	Nel	JP	
*	Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
	Gilchrist	JJ		*	Roos	IG	
*	Haylet	NE			Stapelberg	S	
*	Kramer	T		*	Venter	HG	
*	Lawley	HR					
Oud Groot Sekretaris / Past Grand Secretary							
	Arthur	AM		*	Kaestner	SP	
	du Plessis	P		*	van Eeden	PA	
*	Gould	L		*	van Zyl	WJ	
*	Griesbach	RJG		*	Vincent	T	
	Johnson	BC		*	Vos	WG	
Oud Groot Penningmeester / Past Grand Treasurer							
*	Braude	JH		*	Salakoff	WM	
*	Norsworthy	SA			Werner	MJO	
*	Sacks	CM					
Oud Groot Sereponiemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremonies							
	Cahill	ER		*	Olpin	PM	
	Ellman	P		*	Whiting	CW	
*	Fourie	GP		*	Wilner	S	
	Gillwald	FN					

Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies							
*	Ahrens	HW		*	Kleinhans	TD	
*	Bergman	P		*	Lewin	D	
*	Coetzer	JJ		*	Oberholster	O	
*	Erasmus	DJA		*	Peterson	RF	
	Fourie	JPN		*	Potgeiter	AD	
*	Froneman	CDS		*	Roode	BJ	
	Haasbroek	J		*	Schroder	PJ	
	Heckman	CCR		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Henning	PJ		*	Scott	de B	
*	Kaestner	LH		*	Wethmar	HA	
Oud Groot Eerste Geleier / Past Grand First Preparator							
*	Allan	IR		*	Keane Murphy	IAL	
*	Cross	GH		*	Longhurst	WT	
*	Eastham	CT			Moroukian	CL	
*	Franken	P			Steyn	JF	
Oud Groot Almoesener / Past Grand Almoner							
*	Annandale	CF		*	Kurtz	A	
*	Boscoe	J		*	Landsberg	W	
*	Boshoff	FD		*	Shields	SET	
*	Cross	RH			Smith	FS	
	de Beer	M			Snyman	CJE	
*	Firth	ENS			Snyman	CJG	
*	Gilson	WJA			Sumner	HL	
*	Greeff	JH			van Breda	GS	
Oud Groot Ambassadeur / Past Grand Ambassador							
	Bredenkamp	JH		*	Posthumus	CJ	
*	Briscoe	WJB		*	Powell	B	
*	Jorritsman	J			Sher	L	
	Kerk	JRB		*	Smith	JAR	
*	Labuschagne	PWJ			Spies	JJ	
Oud Groot Inspekteur / Past Grand Inspector							
	Becker	N		*	Lokker	FW	
	Busby	A		*	Maroch	A	
	Hardiman	A					
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*	Austin	WA		*	Loxton	RT	
*	Blignaut	E		*	Penchars	BJ	
	Jorritsman	E		*	Robertson	AF	
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	Allan	A			Germishuys	A	
*	Blitz	J		*	Giesler	RA	

*	Bloom	M		*	Luyt	A	
*	Brink	W			McKenzie	E	
	Coe	CJG		*	Miller	MJ	
*	de Klerk	IZ		*	Morgenrood	CBSnr	
*	du Plooy	EDC			Prinsloo	MJ jnr	
*	du Toit	DE		*	van Heerden	AG	
	Fourie	A		*	Wentzel	R	
Oud Groot Vaandeldraer / Past Grand Banner Bearer							
*	Breetzke	NE		*	Perkins	JFC	
*	Geisler	RA		*	Rosch	AJ	
*	Hobson	GC		*	Rothman	CR	
*	Joubert	JM		*	Smulowitz	P	
*	Levitt	HL					
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*	Banks	W			Ladbrook	RH	
*	Breedt	GPA			Stemmet	DJ	
*	Bussy	BR			Victor	JHJ	
*	de Jager	JG					
Oud Groot Binnewagte / Past Grand Inner Guard							
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*	de Meyer	JPJ		*	Scheepers	JM	
*	Dickson	BR			van Rensburg	D	
*	Jacobs	JA			Viviers	GJ	
*	Kemp	BS		*	Vogt	RR	
Oud Groot Buitewag / Past Grand Tyler							
	Cronje	JP		*	Prinsloo	MJsnr	
*	Kamerman	PA		*	Wilson	RAB	
*	Pretorius	GJ	OSM /ODV				
Oud Groot Hofmeester / Past Grand Steward							
*	Badenhorst	IC		*	Jacobs	WD	
*	Barreira	DC		*	Jacobson	SGS	
	Barry	TJ			Johnson	WC	
*	Bartlett	HD		*	Kaplan	A	
*	Bell	IM		*	Katz	R	
	Berman	A		*	Kersh	G	
*	Botha	C		*	Kloppers	GWP	
*	Bouwer	S		*	Lake	AJ	
	Brenner	JC		*	Lampert	WG	
*	Buisansky	M		*	Larsen	CA	
*	Burchell	GH	OSM /ODV	*	Lazarow	ZL	
*	Butters	CT		*	Levy	JB	
*	Calitz	AJ		*	Lewis	N	
	Cilliers	AC			Lewis	S	

	Cooper	S		*	Louis	SL	
	Cotter	W		*	Lubowski	AJ	
*	de Klerk	JC		*	McCullum	JW	
*	de Wigt	JAJ			McHardy	JC	
*	de Wit	JJ		*	Mirfin	LH	
*	Denison	JC			Rudman	L	
*	Dreyer	J		*	Sagor	S	
	du Plessis	SC			Seaward	HE	
*	du Plooy	JP		*	Singer	B	
	Ellis	HJ			Smit	JLE	
*	Eloff	PA		*	Solms	JL	
*	Engela	DJ			Stevens	J	
*	Engela	TW			Steyn	JJ	
*	Eschor	R			Steyn	MH	
*	Esterhuizen	WJJ			Steyn	PH	
*	Fairweather	A		*	Teren	AG	
*	Feigel	LF		*	van Niekerk	PA	
	Fourie	JWS			Verster	GP	
*	Foye	D		*	Viljoen	NL	
*	Gray	M			Visser	G	
*	Grobler	LM		*	Wagemaker	J	
*	Groenewald	PL		*	Widmonte	R	
	Haggerty	TA		*	Wilken	EJWJ	
	Haupt	AH		*	Wolman	IS	
	Hopf	HPJ			Zweigelaar	H	
	Israel	M					

* Deceased / Oorlede.




PAST GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED AT 2016

Past Grand Master Conferred							
*	Rose	JG					
Past Deputy Grand Master Conferred							
*	Levin	M	OSM /ODV	*	van Niekerk	A	OSM /ODV
Past Grand Senior Warden conferred							
*	Bergman	P		*	Moore	C	
*	Gorvalla	PI			Naude	PJ	MSA / TDV
*	Griesler	RA		*	Nel	JP	
*	Henschel	PA		*	Sacks	CM	
*	Knoetze	FG			Slabbert	CL	
*	Kroukamp	JJ	MSA/TDV	*	van Zyl	WJ	
*	Landsberg	W		*	Vincent	T	
*	Lawley	HR			Zaayman	V	
Past Grand Junior Warden conferred							
*	Adendorf	MJ		*	Milanesi	M	
*	Amoils	S		*	Myburgh	BC	
	Becker	HL		*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
	Botha	TJGV			Pistorius	FWT	
*	Burchell	GH	OSM/ODV		Prentzler	W	
*	Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	*	Raymond	RS	
	Cahill	EA			Smit	HPJJ	
*	Davel	JC			Spies	BDJ	
	Fourie	JN			Strydom	SP	
*	Gould	L		*	van der Merwe	DS	
	Heyneke	I G		*	van der Vyver	V	
*	Human	JA		*	van Zyl	PdeW	
	Johnson	BC		*	Vassiliades	T	
*	Kaestner	SP		*	Wellish	W	
*	Kitay	EG		*	Wolman	IS	
	Markantonis	J					
Past Grand Orator conferred							
	Arthur	AM		*	Louis	L	
*	Austin	WA		*	Mitchell	SP	
*	Braude	JH			Potgeiter	AD	
*	de Klerk	IZ		*	Pretorius	GJ	OSM/ODV
*	du Plessis	H		*	Raymond	S	
*	Jordaan	PJ			Schroder	PJ	
	Kantor	W		*	Selobiwitz	MW	
*	Lewis	N			Stam	JJ	
*	Linde	JJ		*	Swanepoel	EA	
*	Louis	SL		*	Whiting	CW	
Past Grand Master of Ceremonies conferred							
*	Allan	IR			Jordaan	R	
*	Bell	EA		*	Kaestner	LH	
*	Bell	IM		*	McNamara	CM	

*	Bergh	WJA		*	Mirfin	LH	
*	Beumer	HL			Moroukian	CL	
*	Briscoe	WJA		*	Neethling	JJF	
	Cronje	JP		*	Odendaal	F	
*	de Jager	JL			Olpin	P	
	de Klerk	MCL			Roos	P	
	du Toit	JJ		*	Rose	JG	
	Engelbrecht	JA		*	Roussouw	FP	
*	Gilson	WJA		*	Roussouw	GP	
*	Gray	W		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Greenman	SR		*	Scott	de B	
	Grobbelaar	A			Smith	JAF	
*	Gross	G			Spies	BDP	
	Haasbroek	J			Strydom	SP	
	Hattingh	C			van der Merwe	J	
*	Henning	FJT			Vermaak	J	
	Hirson	P		*	Wethmar	HA	
Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies conferred							
*	Borrowman	D		*	Shields	SET	
	Klempner	WHA			Wade	DFW	
Past Grand First Preparator conferred.							
*	Annandale	CF		*	van der Merwe	PHG	
*	Powell	BJ					
Past Grand Almoner conferred							
	Brenner	B		*	Leary	N	
	de Kock	B			Mare	FR	
	Finnern	H					
Past Grand Ambassador conferred							
*	Bartlett	HD		*	Nestadt	M	
*	Cooper	AA		*	Papavarnavas	PS	
*	de Jager	J			Peacock	JM	
*	Hermanson	WC		*	Shapiro	S	
	Jacobs	JJ		*	Singer	B	
*	Lazarow	ZL			van Rensburg	D	
*	Lokker	FW		*	van Wyk	DIS	
	Lombaard	JA		*	Vlismas	JS	
	Lutrin	I			Watkins	M	
*	Muller	PW		*	Widmore	R	
Past Grand Inspector conferred							
	Beets	MJ			Stevens	J	
*	Berman	H			Steyn	JJ	
*	Lampert	W			Steyn	MH	
	Larsen	CA			Steyn	PH	
	Levy	JB		*	Teren	AG	
	Lewis	S			van Niekerk	PA	
*	Lubowski	A		*	Verster	GP	
*	McCullum	JW		*	Viljoen	NL	
	McHardy	JC			Visser	G	

	Sagor	S		*	Widmonte	R	
	Seaward	HE		*	Wilken	EJWJ	
	Smit	JLE		*	Zweigelaar	H	
*	Solms	JL					
Past Grand Architect conferred							
	Appelgryn	JF			Potgieter	G	
*	Bloom	M		*	Ressell	I	
*	Brink	W			Roos	PG	
	Buirski	J			Roussouw	BR	
	Coe	CJG			Rudman	L	
	de Kock	B		*	Scheepers	JM	
*	du Toit	DE			Smit	AJ	
	Engelbrecht	A			Smit	DS	
	Fourie	A			Tuck	MJ	
	Futter	GM			van den Berg	SL	
	Gouws	P			van der Linde	L	
	Ingle	RSO			van der Velden	JD	
	Macintosh	G			van Loggerenberg	CJM	
	Mathysen	JJ			Vosloo	DJ	
	Miller	J		*	Wentzel	R	
*	Mouton	C			White	KMP	
	Nothnagel	GC		*	Zaayman	VH	
Past Grand Sword Bearer conferred							
*	Brecher	BG		*	Joubert	JM	
	Grobler	WJ		*	Vosloo	GS	
*	Gulbranson	H			Walt	A	
Past Grand Banner Bearer conferred							
	Cilliers	AC		*	Kemp	BS	
	Cooper	S		*	Loock	FB	
*	Davies	ET			Merselaar	AC	
*	de Witt	JAJ			Schreuder	R	
	Dennison	JCJ			Smith	AG	
*	Dickson	B			Taul	FE	
	Jooste	PC		*	van Vuuren	T	
Past Grand Director of Music conferred							
*	Cross	RF			Scheffer	W	
	Leal	LdeV		*	Thompson	RJ	
	Morrison	RA			Wilken	P	
Past Grand Inner Guard conferred							
*	Badenhorst	IC		*	Kaplan	A	
*	Butters	CT		*	Lello	DO	
	Coetzee	P		*	Levin	MJ	
	Daniels	C			Mizon	RS	
	du Plessis	SC			Rom	A	
	Els	BW		*	Rosenthal	P	
	Esau	R		*	Smith	EJ	
*	Gray	M			Tabanelli	V	
*	Greeff	P			van Zyl	FJ	

	Jacobs	W			Visagie	F	
	Johnson	WC			Whale	M	
	Kaganson	S		*	Wilson	RAB	
Past Grand Tyler conferred							
	Beyleveldt	M		*	Schmuck	WN	
*	Gerson	A			Slabbert	D	
	Nayman	A					
Past Grand Steward conferred							
	Archer	HW		*	Metcalf	M	
	Audie	E			Morony	S	
	Block	M			Nell	BJ	
*	Bosman	IDW			Newton	LCJ	
*	Brown	EM			Opperman	D	
	Caplan	D			Peggs	FWT	
	Coetzee	J			Pistorius	SD	
	Coetzer	PA		*	Rinquist	J	
*	Cohen	J			Rossouw	J	
	Cohen	FH		*	Rubenstein		
	Cohen	M		*	Sandler	D	
	Combrink	J		*	Shein	G	
*	Cowan	NC		*	Sher	M	
	de Bruyn	D			Snyman	J	
	de Jager	FH		*	Staub	P	
	Erasmus	GM		*	Strauss	AJ	
	Du Preez	K			van Burick	NL	
*	Esterhuizen	WM			van der Walt	HP	
	Els	F			van Niekerk	JM	
	Feigel	EM			van Rooyen	P	
*	Ferreira	S			van Zyl	A	
*	Hollevoet	P		*	Veitch	F	
	Insley	FT			Vermaak	T	
	James	A			Voigt	D	
	Kerwan	L		*	von Brandis	MF	
	le Roux	PJ			Westwood	WJ	
*	Levitt	CB			Woods	J	
*	Lindeijer	JA			Wilkin	GJ	
	Louw	RNP		*	Williams	DE	
*	MacMaster	MG			Williams	ES	
*	Mankowitz	S		*	Wright	J	
	Marais	FJ		*	Wydeman	HP	
	McFarlane	CM		*	Zwart	JN	

A selection of
 Recipients
- Past and Present



RW Bro G Schuitemaker



RW Bro M Levin



RW Bro A van Niekerk



RW Bro N Klein

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REPRESENTATIVES TO SISTER GRAND LODGES

Region	Grand Lodge	GLSA Representative
Britain	England	Edwards GR OSM
Britain	Ireland	Smith JEH OSM
Britain	Scotland	Duncan DJ OSM
Australasia	New South Wales & ACT	Smith JEH OSM
Australasia	Queensland	Moroukian C
Australasia	S Australia & N Territories	Duncan DJ OSM
Australasia	Tasmania	Jacobson AJ
Australasia	Victoria	Naude PJ MSA
Australasia	Western Australia	Coetzee FPC OSM
Australasia	New Zealand	Topham BR
Canada	Alberta	Olivier JHC
Canada	British Columbia & Yukon	de Kock B
Canada	Manitoba	Roodt F
Canada	New Brunswick	Barreira DC
Canada	Newfoundland & Labrador	Rozen M
Canada	Nova Scotia	Meiring A
Canada	GL of Canada in Prov of Ontario	Morony S
Canada	Prince Edward Island	Norris CW
Canada	Quebec	Haasbroek JB
Canada	Saskatchewan	Neuhaus BL
Mid East	Israel	Rozen M
Mid East	Iran (in exile)	Topham BR
Mid East	Turkey	Norris CW
Asia	Philippines	Prentzler W
Asia	India	Mühlenbeck FMV
Asia	Japan	Appelgryn F
Asia	China	Strydom SP
Ctl/S America	Argentina	Heyneke IG
Ctl/S America	Bolivia	Klein N OSM
Ctl/S America	Brasil, Grand Orient do	Heyneke IG
Ctl/S America	Chile	Roos P
Ctl/S America	Colombia (at Barranquilla)	Manefeldt K
Ctl/S America	Colombia (at Bogota)	Heyneke IG
Ctl/S America	Costa Rica	
Ctl/S America	Ecuador	Britz JJ
Ctl/S America	Honduras	Meiring F
Ctl/S America	Mexico (York, G L of)	Conradie J
Ctl/S America	Peru	Rossouw BTA
Ctl/S America	Puerto Rico (G L Soberana)	Brits ML
Ctl/S America	Rio de Janeiro (G L Maconica)	Neuhoff EL
Ctl/S America	Sao Paulo (G L Maconica)	Heyneke IG
Ctl/S America	Salvador (G L Cuscatlan)	Miller J
Ctl/S America	Uruguay	Morony S
Ctl/S America	Venezuela	Moroukian C

Africa	Benin	Cahill EA
Africa	Burkina Faso	Inggs CJC
Africa	Cameroon	Hiles MR
Africa	Congo (Brazzaville)	Coetzee FPC OSM
Africa	Gabon	Coetzee FPC OSM
Africa	Ghana	Duncan DJ OSM
Africa	Guinea	van Rooyen L
Africa	Ivory Coast	Viljoen HDG
Africa	Madagascar	Heyneke IG
Africa	Mali	Crofton S
Africa	Mauritius	Neuhaus BL
Africa	Morocco	Edwards GR OSM
Africa	Mozambique	Ramos MF
Africa	Niger	Roodt FCA
Africa	Nigeria	Ramos MF
Africa	Senegal	Schuitemaker GLN OSM
Africa	Togo	Germishuys A
Europe	Andora	Markantonis J
Europe	Austria	Schaum HH
Europe	Belgium	Bronner A
Europe	Bulgaria	Moroukian C
Europe	Czech Republic	Montgomery CF
Europe	Cyprus	Markantonis D
Europe	Denmark	Roodt F
Europe	Estonia	Schaum HH
Europe	France	Smith JEH OSM
Europe	Finland	van der Vyver A
Europe	Georgia	Heyneke I
Europe	Germany	Schaum HH
Europe	Greece (National G L of)	Markantonis D
Europe	Hungary (Symbolic Lodge of)	Prentzler W
Europe	Iceland	Lotter M
Europe	Italy	Mühlenbeck FMV
Europe	Luxemburg	Germishuys A
Europe	Malta (Sovereign G L)	Britz JJ
Europe	Netherlands	Schuitemaker GLN OSM
Europe	Norway	Miller J
Europe	Poland	Schreuder R
Europe	Portugal (Regular Lodge of)	
Europe	Serbia	Rossouw BTA
Europe	Spain	Klein N OSM
Europe	Switzerland (G L Alpina)	Jacobson AI
Europe	Russia	Buirski J
Europe	Ukraine	Norris CW
Europe	Rumania	Bronner A
Europe	San Merino	Supra R
USA	Alaska	Klein N OSM
USA	Arizona	Rossouw BTA
USA	Arkansas	

USA	California	Cronje JP
USA	Colorado	Ramos MF
USA	Connecticut	Janse van Rensburg PL
USA	Connecticut - Prince Hall	Daniels CRJ
USA	Delaware	van der Vyver A
USA	Florida	Willemse CJ
USA	Georgia	Willemse CJ
USA	Hawaii	Naude PJ MSA
USA	Idaho	Montgomery CF
USA	Illinois	Rozen M
USA	Indiana	van der Vyver A
USA	Iowa	** Do not exchange **
USA	Kansas	Crofton S
USA	Kentucky	Moroukian C
USA	Louisiana	Edwards GR OSM
USA	Maine	Neuhaus BL
USA	Maryland	Slabbert EL
USA	Massachusetts	Mühlenbeck FMV
USA	Massachusetts - Prince Hall	Daniels CJ
USA	Michigan	Inggs CJC
USA	Minnesota	Coetzee FPC OSM
USA	Mississippi	Rhodie AGA
USA	Missouri	Jacobson AJ
USA	Montana	Supra R
USA	Nebraska	Rhodie AGA
USA	Nevada	Roos P
USA	New Hampshire	Viljoen HDG
USA	New Jersey	van der Linde L
USA	New Mexico	** Do not exchange **
USA	New York	Edwards GR OSM
USA	North Carolina	Kingsley L
USA	North Dakota	Schuitemaker GLN OSM
USA	Ohio	Smith R
USA	Oklahoma	Bronner A
USA	Oregon	Topham B
USA	Pennsylvania	** Do not exchange **
USA	Rhode Island & Providence	Lee CA
USA	South Carolina	Smith JEH OSM
USA	South Dakota	Kotze JH
USA	Tennessee	Lotter M
USA	Texas	Ingle R
USA	Utah	Miller J
USA	Vermont	Vermaak CSJ
USA	Virginia	Futter G
USA	Washington	Klein N OSM
USA	Washington (DC)	Duncan DJ OSM
USA	West Virginia	Rossouw BTA
USA	Wisconsin	Engelbrecht A
USA	Wyoming	** Do not exchange **

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SIXTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL / SIERAAD VIR SESTIG JAAR DIENS					
	Naam van Ontvanger.			Losie	Nr.
	Name of Recipient			Lodge	No.
*	Amoils	S		Springbok	87
*	Levin	M	OSM/ODV	de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Raymond	S		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Wolman	I		de Goede Verwachting	23

FIFTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL / SIERAAD VIR VYFTIG JAAR DIENS.					
	Naam van Ontvanger			Losie	Nr.
	Name of Recipient			Lodge	No.
*	Ackerman	JHT		de Goede Hoop	1
	Ackerman	GF		Helderberg	116
*	Appleton	I		Friendship	95
*	Austen	WA		William Vogts	51
*	Bain	WJ		Neerlandia	31
*	Baker	H		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Baker	JM		Star of the East	28
*	Basson	JAL		de Goede Hoop	1
	Bauser	RS	OSM/ODV	Peace & Harmony	11
	Becker	H		St Jan	6
*	Bell	IM		Alpha	89
	Bergman	P		Fidelity	34
	Blignaut	HER		Dromedaris	77
	Bloch	S		Benoni Golden Jubilee	76
	Botha	FJ		Diamond	22
	Brand	FC		Oranje	7
*	Brasler	WA		Albert J Haak	60
	Brasler	JJC de V		Mutual	53
*	Braver	EC		Equity	39
	Brink	F		Central Free State	35
*	Briscoe	WJB		Dromedaris	77
	Bryer	MB		Unie	4
*	Burchell	GH	OSM/ODV	Cape Town	138
*	Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	Unie	4
	Came	RP		Royal Protea	55
	Cheerin	EC		Kaapstad	81
	Clark	HG		de Goede Trouw	2
*	Clegg	C		Helderberg	116
*	Cohen	N		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Cohen	M		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Cohen	H		Fidelity	34
*	Connack	I		Star of the East	28
*	Cross	RE		Koh-I-Noor	79
*	Cutler	G		Vereeniging	67
*	Daleboudt	HM	OSM/ODV	Jacob de Mist	44
*	de Lange	JF		Fidelity	34
*	de Lange	JH		Ossewa	52
*	Droesti	GM		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Druker	KG		Westerford	43
*	du Plessis	HJ		Star of the Rand	15
*	Edmeades	HC		Brandfort	33
*	Edwards	RA		de Goede Trouw	2

*	Ellman	A		Unie	4
	Faktor	H		Cape Town	138
*	Feintuch	M		Kaapstad	81
*	Fiegel	IF		Oranje	7
*	Fourie	GP		Saamwerk	94
*	France	HR		Strelitzia	122
*	Gasson	SR	OSM/ODV	Royal Protea	55
	Germyshuizen	JCM		de Vereeniging	3
*	Gerson	A		Hiram	108
	Geyser	AH		Aurora	8
*	Gillett	SBH		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Glenton	HG		Cape Town	138
*	Golding	JW		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Gradner	BI		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Grobler	WJ		Aurora	8
*	Groenewald	CG	OSM/ODV	Albert J Haak	60
*	Haarburger	HH	OSM/ODV	Unie	4
*	Hamilton	CG		Theophilus	107
*	Hancke	le R		Jacob de Mist	44
*	Hermanson	WC		Marina	25
*	Hollevoet	P		Libertas	16
*	Jabkowitz	P		Fidelity	34
	Johnson	B		Prins Frederik	19
	Jorritsma	H		Fidelity	34
	Joubert	DCJ		Marina	25
*	Joubert	JM		Welkom	58
*	Kaestner	SP		Albert J Haak	60
*	Kahn	JH		Benoni Golden Jubilee	76
*	Karon	M		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Katz	CW		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Katz	M		Equity	39
*	Katz	S		Equity	39
*	Katz	R		Star of the East	28
	Kruger	FJ		Theophilus	107
*	Lande	L		Friendship	95
*	Lawley	HR		de Goede Trouw	2
*	Lello	DO		Prins Frederik	19
*	Levin	MJ		Cape Town	138
*	Levin	B		Kaapstad	81
*	Levy	J		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Loock	F		Bartholomeuz Dias	72
*	Maree	JL		L'Agullas	36
	Meeuwssen	JAS		Jacob de Mist	44
*	Mincer	JJ		L'Agullas	36
	Minnaar	JJ		Equity	39
*	Mirfin	LH		Westerford	43
	Mizon	R		Cape Town	138
*	Momberg	CC		The Rising Star	129
*	Nestadt	M		Star of the East	28
	Neuhaus	BL		Alpha	89
*	Opperman	D		Oranje	7
	Ostrowski	SC		Star of the East	28
*	Penchartz	M		Unie	4
*	Phillips	HL		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Pistorius	FWT		Die Broederband	17
	Potgeiter	JH		Voortrekker	41
	Radcliff	RW		Meerensee	118
*	Reicherberg	AM		Brandfort	33
	Robertson-Cumming	HH		Peace & Harmony	11
*	Rosen	AJ		Equity	39

	Roux	LK		Marina	25
*	Rubenstein	J		Hiram	105
	Saddington	C		Marina	25
*	Salem	JEA		Hon PDGM	
*	Schahmann	IS		Star of the Rand	15
*	Scheinbaum	H		Star of the East	28
*	Schulz	HW		Ossewa	52
*	Shapiro	SH		Eugenia	50
*	Shein	G		Vaalrivier	84
*	Sher	M		Star of the East	28
*	Singer	B		Flaming Star	5
*	Singer	M		Flaming Star	5
*	Smit	CN		Unie	4
*	Smulowitz	P		de Morgenster	9
*	Snadder	DO		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Snyman	W C		Jacob de Mist	44
	Spies	BDJ		Sonop	63
*	Staal	FB		Royal Protea	55
*	Stein	M		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Stern	HL		Muizenberg	46
*	Steyn	JJ		Frere	13
	Strydom	SP		Unie	4
	Sweil	H		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Taylor	TP		Eugenia	50
*	Tennant	J		Marina	25
	van den Heever	CM		Harmony	29
	van den Heever	JA		Harmony	29
*	van der Spuy	PAM		de Goede Hoop	1
*	van der Vyver	V		Alpha	89
	van Heerden	CG		Iquiniso	92
*	van Niekerk	A	OSM/ODV	de Goede Hoop	1
	van Rensburg	JJ		Bultfontein	123
	van Rensburg	D		Oranje	7
	van Wyk	JL		Trichardt	106
*	Viljoen	NL		Aurora	8
*	Violet	SA	OSM/ODV	Marina	25
	Vosloo	GS		Vereeniging	67
	Wallach	N		Alpha	89
	Watkinson	PN	OSM/ODV	Central Free State	35
*	Webb	TV		de Goede Hoop	1
	Wellish	W		Neerlandia	31
*	Williams	DE		Iquiniso	92
*	Willis	PL		Marina	25
	Zaayman	V		Marina	25



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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OUTGOING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER -
SOUTHERN DIVISION. 20th August 2016.**

MW, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all, - I extend to you all a very hearty, fraternal and sincere welcome to this Province's Annual General Meeting. I wish to welcome all the distinguished visiting Brethren, it is indeed a great privilege to have you present here today and I thank you all for attending this meeting, which I trust you will find interesting and informative.

This will unfortunately be my last report as the PGM of the Southern Division as I will be handing over the reins of PGM to the PGM Elect, Wor Bro Tommy Hardiman. During the course of this AGM. I take this opportunity of congratulating him on this well-deserved appointment and I wish him every success in his endeavors and assure him of my unwavering support and guidance. It has been an honour and privilege to have led the Southern Division for the past four years. I would like to thank my Commissioned Officers, Wor Bros Louis van der Linde, Andre Engelbrecht, Tommy Hardiman and Evangelos Doucas for their invaluable support and their contribution to the management of this Provincial Grand Lodge and to the promotion of Freemasonry in this Province. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Master for the concern he displays in the wellbeing of the Southern Division and for all his advice and behind the scenes assistance that he provides not only for this Division but to the GLSA as a whole. For this, we are eternally thankful. I would also like to thank RW Bro John Smith, the Assistant Grand Master responsible for this Division for his guidance, advice and support which has been invaluable in assisting me in the effective and efficient management of this Division.

To my acting Provincial Grand Secretary Wor Bro Andre Engelbrecht who came forward to assist after the sudden passing of Wor Bro Mervyn Metalfe, I extend a special vote of thanks to him for his undying commitment to the efficient running of the Provincial Grand Lodge administration. His assistance and support is invaluable to me as the Provincial Grand master and my job would be unmanageable without his assistance. To his assistant, Mrs June Cox, I also extend my sincere thanks for her commitment and dedication to the effective operations of the Provincial Grand Lodge Office.

Lastly but by no means the least, I wish to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, both present and past, for their support, commitment and dedication to PGL and to the promotion of Freemasonry in this Province, without your active participation and commitment, this Provincial

Grand Lodge could not have functioned and my job as PGM would have been unattainable.

During my term of office, we have enjoyed a very good and close relationship with the management and members of our Sister Divisions. I particularly wish to thank the Provincial Grand Masters of our Sister Divisions, RW Bros Alf Brönnner, Alan van der Vyver and Frans Roodt, for their support and friendship during my term of office. I would also like to thank them and the Brethren accompanying them here today for their attendance. I would also like to congratulate the PGM Elect of the Eastern Cape Division, Wor Bro Keith Hutton on his appointment and for also being present here today. You have all traveled long distances to be here today, and for this I am eternally grateful. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, your Officers, Brethren and your good ladies for the exceptional hospitality which you always afforded us when we visited you in your respective Divisions. I am sure that my successor will continue to build on the mutually beneficial and close working relationship that I have enjoyed with you all during my term of office.

We have during my term of office enjoyed a close and fraternal relationship with our Sister Constitutions. The quarterly informal meetings held with the Provincial and District Grand Masters and Deputies of the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions to discuss Masonic matters of mutual interest were most enjoyable and productive and long may this cooperative initiative continue with the participation of my successor. We have continued to enjoy the company of the representatives of our Sister Constitutions at most of our installation ceremonies and we were only too only happy to this reciprocate this honor when invited to do so. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Management and to the Brethren of our Sister Constitutions for their friendship and support of the Grand Lodge of South Africa in this Province during my term of office.

The Annual Masonic Church Service, the Masonic Fun Day and our participation at the Province's Armistice Day Service continue to be Inter Constitutional Events. These events have been relatively well attended and enjoyed by all and I am sure they will grow from strength to strength in the years to come. Our long standing participation at the annual Community Chest Carnival has unfortunately ceased due to the event's changes in structure from a service orientated volunteer event to a more commercial model which requires a substantial upfront financial contribution. This event will be

monitored in the coming years to ascertain whether it will be viable to participate in the future.

The Division also participated in fund raisers by providing Marshals for the Cape Town Cycle Tour (formally known as the Argus Cycle Tour) and the Cape Town Marathon. Although manpower support for both these events was a challenge, both events proved to be successful. Both the PGL Benevolent fund and the respective participating Lodges benefited from the funds raised from these events.

As one of the patrons of the inter constitutional Masonic Education Fund, I am pleased to report that the Fund was able to award 16 bursaries in respect of 7 Primary School Scholars, 3 High School Scholars and 6 Tertiary Students. In addition there has been one extraordinary payment made to the education of a pre-primary child of a deceased brother. It is however disheartening to witness the ever declining support that the fund receives from Lodges and Brethren. Let us once again remind ourselves that The Fund is there to provide assistance in the educational and matters incidental thereto for the children of deceased or infirm Freemasons and of those Freemasons who currently are unable to do so. Without our inclusive support The Fund will not, and cannot, function and I therefore implore all Lodges and Brethren to get involved and support this cause. I thank RW Bro Moris Rozen and Wor Bro Heinz Smekal for participating as our official representatives on the Education Fund Committee.

We have experienced a growth in our membership since our meeting last year, we are however mindful that these successes may be diminished by the inevitable fact that some of our Brethren pass to the Eternal East, relocate to other parts of the country or resign and we cannot therefore take our eye off our recruitment efforts and the Grand Lodge Vision of doubling our membership by 2020. With this in mind we as a Division continually drive this vision by encouraging and assisting our Lodges to recruit new members, retain the ones they have and get those left out in the cold to rejoin the order. To assist them in this, All Lodges are being encouraged to practice and conduct a "What is Freemasonry" Open Evening for targeted interest groups. A lot of effort is going into this initiative to ensure that the evenings are focused and that the visitors get a "wow" experience, not only in the temple, but also at the festive board thereafter.

A handful of Lodges are working exceptionally well which is showing great results. It appears as if more Lodges are making an effort to improve their ritual work and standards with the view of providing a meaningful experience to new candidates and to attract new members and retain current members. Commissioned Officers have

been working closely with their respective Lodges to ensure that this goal is achieved.

I have granted dispensation for an extension of a further year in the working relationship between Lodges Oranje and St Jan to work on a cooperative "Twinning" arrangement. To date this arrangement has been successful with the Lodges gaining enthusiasm and they are now attracting interest from prospective candidates, and have in fact initiated the first apprentice in many years. A similar arrangement in place for Lodges Mutual and Perseverance but this has regrettably been less successful. This situation will be closely monitored by the new PGM to ensure the sustainability of these Lodges.

In an attempt to foster a closer relationship between PGL and our Lodges, and to facilitate a better information flow, the PG Executive decided last year to include the attendance of all Presiding Masters of Lodges at PGL Manco Meetings as observers. This initiative has to date not been embraced by some of the Lodges but has started to show a better attendance. I suggest that this initiative be promoted by my successor and should it prove successful it will necessitate that the PGL Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of the PGL Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of RW Bro John Smith, the Division's finances are sound and running on a tight budget. Our Budget has been prepared to accommodate the projected increase in operating costs. This will be tabled under a separate item on today's Agenda. Debtors are being tightly managed. All Lodges have submitted their Financial Returns for the period ending 31 December 2015 and all these returns have subsequently been submitted to Grand Lodge.

The PGL Benevolent fund is stable and currently assisting four Recipients who receive a monthly grant of R1200.00 each. This amount is however insufficient to provide meaningful relief with the ever increasing cost of living but with the limited resources available and with the increase in demand, this is the best we can provide at this stage. With this in mind, I call upon all Lodges and Brethren to seriously consider the PGL Benevolent fund and our Masonic Homes when making benevolent donations. After all Brethren – charity starts at home.

A successful annual meeting for Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Treasurers was held in March this year. This meeting was well supported and various topics of general importance were discussed and implemented. As is traditional the Annual Trophies for the Lodge of the Year, Best Ritual Lodge, Charity Lodge and Lodge showing the most progress were presented at this meeting. Lodge de Goede Hoop was awarded the trophy for the Lodge of the Year, Lodge Westerford the

trophy for the best Ritual work, Lodge Jacob de Mist the trophy for the Most Charitable Lodge and Lodge de Goede Verwachting the trophy for the Lodge showing the most progress. These trophies are proudly displayed by the Lodges at their ceremonial workings. It is most pleasing to witness the fraternal yet fierce competition which exists between the Lodges as they compete to win these prestigious annual awards.

The proposed formation of a Southern Division Military Lodge has raised a large amount of interest, with many Brethren from all constitutions showing interest in joining and indicating that the probability of attracting non Masons to join is high. The sub-committee has made good progress in this regard and we are on target to petition Grand Lodge for its formation, later this year.

I am very excited to report on the formation of a renewed Young Mason's Forum. This has been formed by a group of young Masons under the guidance of PGL. They have put a lot of effort in formalising the structure and have produced a document titled "Articles of Association" which outlines their aims, objectives and management structure. Their main aims are to;

- Promote the growth of Freemasonry, to realise the vision and advance its principles.

- Support and promote the activities and aims of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

- Provide for and engage in public service opportunities and provide hands-on support to charitable and community issues.

- Create informal and formal opportunities and platforms for social activities and fellowship among Associates to promote friendship and brotherhood.

- Create formal and informal opportunities and platforms for mentorship among Associates, and particular through support for new Freemasons.

- Facilitate and encourage Masonic education, research and study, by and among Associates.

The group will be managed by their own structures under the guidance of PGL. The founding members are well educated, very enthusiastic and have already gained support of young Masons from the Sister Constitutions who have requested to be part of the group.

The Ritual Excellence program has been formally launched in the Division. Invigilators have been identified, trained and briefed and dates have been set for ritual evaluations. All Masons are encouraged to participate in this program and to strive for Ritual Excellence. Those that achieve the necessary standards will be awarded with the respective lapel Badges and, for the top performers, Grand Lodge Jewels.

I wish to thank Wor Bro Cedric Moroukian for ensuring that the Agendas, Events and the activities of the Province, the Lodges, the Royal Arch Chapters and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are distributed per email every week. The Division Website is in the process of being updated and I call on all Brethren to regularly visit our Website and the Grand Lodge Website which are both most important sources for the dissemination of information and educational material at this time.

The Tranquility Project under the leadership of Wor Brother Tommy Hardiman and his group of Brethren proficient in ritual work has been of great assistance to all Lodges. A main aim of the Tranquility Project is to conduct the GLSA Open Working "What is Freemasonry?" as well as to perform Demonstration Workings in all Degrees. The Tranquility Project also has a database of Brethren proficient in specific charges. These Brethren have made themselves available to assist Lodges struggling to find a Lodge member to do a specific charge. The Tranquility team is pursuing the option of hosting training evenings dedicated to the different offices in the Lodge. Presiding Masters must ensure that their Officers attend these valuable training sessions. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Wor Bro Hardiman and the Tranquility team for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that by their example, every Candidate receives and enjoys a quality and a meaningful experience.

The Division with the assistance of the Grand Master has been working with the Grand Lodge Technology Committee to implement the new MMS system by reviewing and amending its functionality, and by updating the records of the Southern Division Lodges and members. Once we have streamlined this process, and ironed out all the challenges the other Divisions will be better positioned to do likewise. Once fully implemented, the new MMS system will be a very useful tool to keep our membership records up to date as well as to distribute information and educational material directly to members. Members will also have direct access to the system, and will have the ability to keep their own records up to date.

Last year's Spring Ball was again a resounding success and the Committee donated a respectable amount of R160,000 to our Masonic Homes. Our 42nd Annual Spring Ball tonight is again being held at the upmarket Kelvin Grove Ball Room in Newlands. This event promises to be well attended and I wish to thank the convener, RW Bro John Smith, and his Committee most sincerely for their hard work and dedication in this regard. MW Bro Edwards with the assistance of Bro Mark van Dijk has compiled the Spring Ball magazine which I have no doubt will prove to be

another bumper edition. I wish to take this opportunity to thank them both most sincerely for their dedication and commitment in this regard.

In accordance with the necessity to meet the changing environment resulting from legal and financial demands being exerted on the viability and operations of Denid Investments (Pty) Ltd the holding company of our Masonic Homes, it became necessary to amend the status of Denid Investments (Pty) Ltd and the method of managing the facilities in its portfolio. It was determined that Denid would remain the owner of the property investments which were purchased for the explicit intentions of accommodating Senior Citizens and people with disabilities who were faced with increasing difficulties in their financial status to prevail in an ever increasing economic environment. The single shareholder of the properties would continue as the Provincial Grand Lodge (Southern Division) as represented by the Provincial Grand Master.

It was further decided that Denid would cease with the operations and maintenance of the properties. A non profit company named Masonic Homes was therefore formed to undertake the maintenance and operation of the residential properties. Our Senior's Homes, being Desmain Lodge, Ted's House, Burchell House and Andy's House as well as our Home for Quadriplegics continue to operate happily and efficiently and I again thank the members of the House Committees and all the other Brethren and their families who sacrifice much of their time and energy to ensure that this remains so. I would also like to thank RW Bro Brian Rossouw for all his efforts in the restructuring of Denid Investments and the formation of the Masonic Homes NPC whilst also managing the overall affairs of our Homes. RW Bro Rossouw will deliver a report on our Masonic Homes under a separate item on today's Agenda. Last and not least I would like to thank the Directors of Denid Investments (Pty) Ltd and the Masonic Homes NPC for all their untiring efforts in the efficient and professional manner in which these companies are managed and run.

It is pleasing to report that we are not only continuing to strive to provide comfortable and affordable accommodation for the elderly and the infirm, but that the members of our Lodges regularly visit our Masonic Homes and take the residents out on excursions and host lunch and supper events for them. The need for a Children's Home, Frail Care facility and more of these Residential Homes in this Province is very real, but unfortunately due to the ever increasing financial demands in maintaining our current homes, not much progress has been made to increase our portfolio to include these additional homes. Brethren, your continued, generous and unselfish financial support of our fund raising activities in general and particularly of our Spring Ball tonight, which is our main fund raising event for our Masonic Homes Project, will greatly assist us to realize this vision.

As has become a December tradition over the years, we hosted a Christmas lunch for the residents of our Masonic Homes, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Grand Master for affording me opportunity and privilege of leading this fine Division for the past four years and to the GAOTU for giving me the strength and the ability to fulfill my duties as the Provincial Grand Master. To my successor, Wor Bro Tommy Hardiman, I wish you every success in all you set out to accomplish and I trust that you will have a happy and rewarding term of office. I also wish to thank my partner Megan and my family for their love, patience and support and I pray that the GAOTU will bless us in all our Masonic activities and will spare us so that we may meet here again next year. To all our Visitors, I trust that you will enjoy your brief stay with us and that you will all travel safely back to your homes and to your loved ones.

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RW Bro Avron Jacobson

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, RW BRO TOMMY HARDIMAN - 20 August 2016

MW, RW, VW, Wor Brethren, Brethren all.

I am sure that the previous 33 Provincial Grand Masters of Southern Division who came before me, all felt as humbled, honoured, and nervous, as I feel right now. My saving grace is that in this very room sit 4 of those distinguished Brethren who have served with great distinction before me, and with whom I share close fraternal bonds. RW Bros Alf Rhodie, John Smith, Avron

Jacobson and MW Bro Geoff Edwards, I will undoubtedly be calling on your considerable experience and wisdom in the near future.

I would like to thank the Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge most sincerely for their confidence in me, in granting me this opportunity to lead this Division and so promote and extend the tenets of Freemasonry in the Southern Division.

We have just witnessed the retirement of RW Bro Avron Jacobson who has served this Division as Provincial Grand Master with distinction for the past four years. I am sure you will join me, each and every one of you, in thanking him for his tireless commitment in striving to give of his absolute best to our Division. RW Bro Jacobson you have been a tireless servant to this Division and I for one commend you for maintaining the status quo and your positive outlook during some difficult Masonic times. I thank you also for your considerable support to me personally over the past months. I have come to regard you as a true friend who has had nothing but my best interests at heart and I wish you all the very best in all your future endeavours.

I am under no illusion as to the enormity of the task and responsibility of leading this Division, and attempting to satisfy the expectations of all the Brethren and Lodges. It has been well said that in true leadership positions “you can only please some of the people some of the time but never all of the people all of the time”. I have no doubt that I will be experiencing that in the near future. I agree wholeheartedly with our Grand Master’s maxim that everything about Freemasonry should be a quality experience and should also be fun and enjoyable, and this is something I will work very hard on in this Division, starting with my Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

To my new look team of Commissioned Officers, and the newly appointed Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, I thank you one and all for accepting office, and look forward to your individual support, commitment and input as well as to labouring with you for the betterment of this Division and the Order at large. To this team I would like to say this in advance. That I was brought up from day one Masonically to a very, very high standard and, in carrying this forward, have set a very high standard for myself. Through some very difficult personal times I have found great strength, and depth of character, by not allowing these high Masonic standards to slip when it is so easy to do so. I am therefore, going to expect the very best from you at all times, we will not **try** our best. Trying is for losers, we will **do** our best. Provincial Grand Lodge is to be respected by the Brethren of this Division and this must be earned by the manner in which we as Provincial Officers conduct ourselves, perform our ritual, and perform our Provincial Grand Lodge duties. I will expect, I will demand and I will request nothing but your best as Provincial Grand Lodge Officers of the Southern Division. With that said Brethren as mentioned earlier we are also going to have a lot of fun in performing our duties, for after all if we do not have fun and enjoy our Masonic duties then why are we here at all.

No organisation has a right to exist and survive for the sole purpose of simply gaining members. In order to justify its existence it really must have some other reason for being. Freemasonry has a fantastic reason for being. We are a group of men, selective in membership, bound together by a belief in God, in eternal life, and in the Brotherhood of man, helping each other to lead better and nobler lives, and hence contributing to the advancement and improvement of humanity. Almost unbelievably we do this without, creed, dogma, racism, or political platforms which breed dissention and division. I would like to remind the Brethren of Southern Division of this reason why we are here. Our job is described clearly, our job is not to just grow our membership and recite ritual, we have a much deeper reason for being. I would like to focus my term as Provincial Grand Master on stirring up the good men that we have already in our midst. It’s not just more good men that we need, we also need to stir up the good that is in the men that we already have, the true success of our Fraternity does not depend on its numbers, but rather on the zeal, vigor and intensity with which we teach its principles and philosophies. I firmly believe that then other good men will be easily attracted to us.

To the Presenting office RW Bro John Smith, Distinguished Brethren, and my good friend and Brother Wor Bro Graham Symons who formed part of my Escort of Honour, I thank you most sincerely for your participation in presenting me for Installation today.

I extend my warmest fraternal and personal greetings to the visiting Brethren from our Sister Divisions who have honoured me and this Division by your attendance. I thank you for supporting us today and I look forward to your continued support. I am really am excited to be able to forge new fraternal bonds with many of you in our interactions moving forward.

Last and by no means least, I would like to thank our foreign guests and especially the Heads of our Sister Constitutions for their attendance and participation today. I would also like to confirm my commitment in reenforcing and continuing the excellent relations that we are proud to enjoy with our Sister Constitutions for the betterment of Freemasonry in the Western Cape.

For those of you that have travelled from afar, I pray that you will be returned safely to your homes and loved ones.

In conclusion Brethren, may the Great Architect of the Universe bless and prosper you and our Order in all our united undertakings.

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RW Bro Tommy Hardiman

SOUTHERN DIVISION / SUIDELIKE AFDELING

Lodge	Number	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation
de Goede Hoop	1	1772	Cape Town	2nd	Wed	June
de Goede Trouw	2	1800	Cape Town	4th	Tue	June
St Jan	6	1867	Paarl	2nd	Sat	May
Oranje	7	1867	Paarl	2nd	Mon	July
de Goede Verwachting	23	1908	Cape Town	3rd	Thur	August
Marina	25	1908	Cape Town	3rd	Tue	September
Bellville	42	1931	Cape Town	1st	Wed	June
Westerford	43	1931	Cape Town	2nd	Thur	May
Jacob de Mist	44	1931	Cape Town	1st	Thur	October
Mutual	53	1940	Cape Town	3rd	Thur	November
Johan van Riebeeck	66	1953	Cape Town	3rd	Mon	February
Simon van der Stel	101	1968	Cape Town	2nd	Mon	October
Hiram	108	1971	Cape Town	3rd	Tue	June
Helderberg	116	1975	Strand	3rd	Thur	May
Perseverance	126	1977	Cape Town	1st	Tue	November
Cape Town	138	2002	Cape Town	1st	Mon	December

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Southern Division Awards - 2016

Lodge of the Year - de Goede Hoop
 Best Ritual Lodge - Westerford
 Best Charity Lodge - Jacob de Mist
 Emerging Lodge - de Goede Verwachting

*Wor Bro Tommy Hardiman (Westerford), Wor Bro Frank Begot (de Goede Hoop),
 RW Bro Avron Jacobson (Provincial Grand Master),
 Wor Bro Jacques Maritz (de Goede Verwachting), Wor Bro Lafraz Moolman (Jacob de Mist)*

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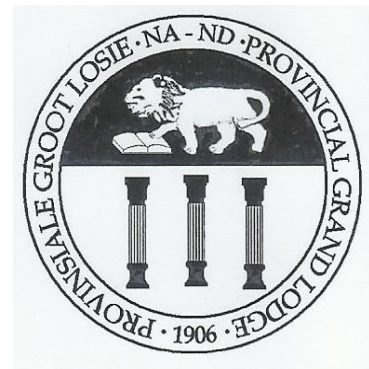
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Wor Bro / Agb Br Ini Akpan

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER - NORTHERN DIVISION 2016

Die Grootmeester HE Br Geoff Edwards ODV, die Adjunk Grootmeester, SV Br David Duncan ODV, SV, SA, Agb Brs en Broeders almal, namens myself, die Provinsiale Grootlosie ampsdraers en alle lede van die Provinsiale Grootlosie van die Noordelike Afdeling, 'n hartlike welkom aan al die Grootlosie Ampsdraers, Provinsiale Grootmeesters en lede van ons Suster Afdelings, die Hoofde en verteenwoordigdes van ons Suster Konstitusies, sowel as al die ander Broeders wat tyd gemaak het om vandag met ons te wees.

'n Spesiale woord van dank aan daardie spesiale Broeders wat lang afstande gereis het om vandag saam met ons te wees. U teenwoordigheid maak hierdie vergadering soveel meer spesiaal.

As the second year of my term as PGM draws to a close, I am pleased to report that the PGL is progressing steadily towards the goals and standards I set down to achieve during my term. The report that I am about to deliver will hopefully depict an accurate outline of where the PGL Northern Division is at this time.

Provincial Grand Lodge

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Deputy PGM, Wor Bro Peet Roos, the other Commissioned Officers and the PGL Officers for their continued support to both myself and the Province over the last 12 months.

Since taking office 2 years ago, I have made a conscious decision that only Officers who are active in serving this Division and meeting the required standards will remain active. This means that serving as an Officer of the PGL remains an honour and privilege which should not be taken lightly and I thank each and every Officer for their efforts. The Officers who have served this Division for the last year have shown enormous support and dedication to our Province and each other, resulting in all Installations being well attended and performed with the utmost dignity. The spirit and camaraderie made every meeting a gathering not only of Brothers, but also of friends, and this showed in the way we performed our duties.

I congratulate Wor Bro Ini Akpan who will be installed as an APGM today. This appointment is very well deserved and I look forward to Wor Bro Akpan making a great contribution to Northern Division's success.

Congratulations to the new Officers to be obligated today. Brethren, you will find that as an Officer of this Division, you will be called on to attend to and perform further duties. You will also find that within the Northern Division, there is a

very special bond and camaraderie which I have no doubt you will find most appealing and will make this appointment a very worthwhile experience. To the Officers who are being promoted today, these promotions are not effected merely as a result of your having 'served your time'... far from it! They are afforded to those who have shown such necessary dedication and diligence to their offices that they warrant a promotion.

The Exco has also decided that in future, those Brethren who have not only performed the required levels of duty, but have served the PGL with outstanding dedication will be entitled to wear PGL Collarettes.

Finansies

Ek moet my innige dank aan Agb Br Simon Nash uitspreek vir die harde werk wat hy ingesit het om die finasiele state van die Provinsie in so goei toestand en order te kry. Die resultaat van streng finasieële beheer en dissipline asook die terughandiging van die Orange Grove Sentrum aan Groot Losie het veroorsaak in 'n verlaging in Kapitاسie fooi vir die jaar.

Veranderinge is ook gemaak, op aanbeveling van ouditeure, in die verslaggewing op beleggings maar PG Penningmeester sal hieroor uitbrei in sy verslag. Agb Br Simon Nash en Mnr Keith van Dyk, van di ouditere, my innige dank vir die u tyd en harde werk.

Administration:

Once again changes made to the system have proved to be very effective and the work of the PG Secretary and Mrs Leigh Assad under the APGM in charge of Administration, Wor Bro Potgieter, has produced a streamlined and efficient system. The role of a PG secretary is a thankless one that requires many hours of dedicated service and a detailed knowledge of protocols and procedures. Whilst Wor Bro Reuven Coenen has shown to be exceptionally competent at this role, I believe that this efficiency should not restrict his opportunities within the PGL. The role of PG Secretary will now be taken over by Wor Bro Potgieter who works particularly well behind the scenes. This will allow Wor Bro Coenen the opportunity to progress and perform ceremonial duties which he had previously been precluded from. The management of our membership has been very ably managed by RW Bro Janse van Rensburg and I thank him for all his efforts.

Lidmaatskap

Hierdie jaar het weereens bewys om net genoeg nuwe lede in te wy is nie alleen voldoende

om die Orde te onderhou en vergroot. Behoud van lede is ook uiters belangrik vir die voortgesette sukses van die Afdeling. Ons sal altyd lidmaatskap verliese ervaar deur persoonlike omstadighede, verhuising en sterwes, maar verliese as gevolg van verveeldheid en ontugtering, is iets waaraan ons ernstige aandag moet skenk. Die verhoogde sosiale interaksie tussen jonger Broeders met gepaardgaande byeenkomste van spesiale aktiwiteitsgroepe toon tekens van sukses en ons hoop van harte dat dit so sal voortbou. 'n Ander vraagstuk is lidmaatskap van meer as een Losie maar dit toon verbetering

Lodges

As a whole, Lodges within the Division are performing well and are thriving. Some of the Lodges, particularly those in the rural areas, do have their challenges and we will continue to assist where we can. What is very evident is that every growing Lodge has at least one very proactive member who drives that Lodge and its membership.

The PGL has revived Lodge President Burgers as an Initiates Lodge in the Pretoria area and this is proving to be very successful under the guidance of the DPGM, Wor Bro Peet Roos and his dedicated Officers.

A further initiative was to turn Lodge Vaalrivier into a Lodge of Uniform which will hopefully prove to a success in stimulating Brethren as well as attracting new members.

We continue to watch the success and growth of several of our Lodges, notably Lodges Prins Frederick, Alpha and Koh-I-Noor. The most notable turnaround is Lodge Star of the West where RW Bro Nuno Calvet has taken the initiative and nearly doubled the membership this year as well as dramatically improving the administration and reporting systems of the Lodge. I thank all the active members of these Lodges for their efforts.

Suster Afdelings

Dit is verblydend om te sien hoeveel van die Broeders van ons Suster Afdelings vandag teenwoordig is en ek dank elkeen van u dat u die tyd gevind het om by ons te kom kuier. Ek wil ook graag my dank betuig aan die ander Provinsiale Grootmeesters vir die ondersteuning en vriendskap gedurende hierdie jaar en sien dat hierdie verhouding nog lank voortduur.

I also want to wish RW Bro Avron Jacobson all the best as he spends the last month in office before taking a well-deserved rest and thank him for his unfailing support and assistance over the past two years. Congratulations to Wor Bro Tommy Hardiman who is the PGM designate and I

pledge the support of myself and our Division to him and the Southern Division and look forward to having as close a working relationship with him as we have had with RW Bro Jacobson.

Sister Constitutions

I would like to thank the heads and representatives of our Sister Constitutions for their attendance today. I am aware that this AGM continues to clash with an important function of the DGM of the UGLE and as such he is not able to be with us but I am very pleased to have his Deputy, VW Bro David Whitfield here and I bid him a warm welcome.

Similarly, the RW DGM of the Scottish Constitution is about to leave on an extended trip to Scotland and as such cannot be here. To his Depute DGM, Bro Jim Kerr, I thank you for your attendance and welcome you. I ask you both to send our best wishes and fraternal greetings to your DGMs.

To RW Bro Tommy Adlem and his delegation of Irish Brethren who are in attendance, my sincere thanks for always being such great supporters of this Division.

Conclusion

Throughout both the highlights and the lowlights of the year I remain very aware of the privilege it is to be leading a Division of this stature. Whilst very few decisions I have to make will please everyone, this comes as part of the job and I will continue to make every effort to do what I believe is right for this Division, our Constitution and the Order.

My heartfelt thanks go to not only all the PGL Officers, but also all the Northern Division Brethren for their efforts and support which helped make this year such a success.

Once again, my sincere thanks to the Deputy GM, RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, and the GM, MW Bro Edwards OSM, for their continued support and guidance, with both possessing the special skill of being able to hide instructions in words of advice. The GLSA is exceptionally lucky to have two Brethren with so much wisdom, experience and, very importantly, compassion and understanding to lead us in these tough times.

To my wife Emma, my eternal gratitude for your love and unfailing support during the past year.. And finally, Brethren, I thank you all, once again, for your attendance today and trust you will travel home safely.

SMIB

RW Bro Alan van der Vyver

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Aurora	8	1868	Pretoria	2nd	Tue	February	
Orange	12	1878	Rustenburg	3rd	Thu	April	3rd Sat
Star of The Rand	15	1889	Park Lane	3rd	Tue	March	
Libertas	16	1890	Krugersdorp	4th	Wed	June	
De Broederband	17	1892	Pretoria	3rd	Wed	February	
Prins Frederik	19	1894	Park Lane	4th	Tue	June	
Star of the East	28	1920	Boksburg North	4th	Tue	May	
Star of the West	56	1948	Klerksdorp	4th	Tue	March	2nd Sat
Albert J Haak	60	1951	Roodepoort	1st	Fri	November	
M W Pretorius	62	1951	Carletonville	3rd	Wed	October	2nd Sat
Sonop	63	1952	Boksburg	2nd	Wed	January	
Star of the North	64	1952	Pietersburg	4th	Thu	February	4th Sat
President Burgers	70	1954	Pretoria	1st	Wed	August	
Golden City	75	1956	Orange Grove	3rd	Thu	August	
Koh -I- Noor	79	1957	Pretoria	1st	Mon	December	
Vaalrivier	84	1958	Pretoria	4th	Mon	October	
Alpha	89	1962	Orange Grove	1st	Tue	February	
Friendship	95	1963	Orange Grove	4th	Wed	October	
Trichardt	106	1970	Kinross	2nd	Thu	January	3rd Sat
Brits	110	1972	Brits	2nd	Thu	September	1st Sat
The Rising Star	129	1983	Cullinan	3rd	Mon	October	1st Sat
Jock of the Bushveld	130	1983	Nelspruit	2nd	Sat	July	2nd Sat
Germania	131	1984	Orange Grove	2nd	Tue	March	
Flaming Star	139	2005	Orange Grove	3rd	Mon	April	

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Sonop	Rocky Smit	071 885 0494	Juan De Villiers	juan81mason@gmail.com
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Golden City	John Weigelt	071 318 9611	Vaughn Berger	vaughn.berger@actom.co.za
Koh -I- Noor	Stephen vd Merwe	083 222 5550	Brandon Topham	sec@kohinoor.org.za
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Wor Bro Rex Ingle being thanked for his services to the Provincial Grand Lodge and congratulated on his appointment as Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies.



Wor Bro Marius Mostert receiving the award for "Best Presiding Master of the Year" and RW Bro Nuno Calvet receiving the award for "Best Mason of the Year"



Wor Bro Ini Akpan being invested as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master



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Agb Br / Wor Bro Fred Meiring

PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER SE JAARVERSLAG - SENTRALE AFDELING 2016

MW Grand Master, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all, dit is vir die Sentrale Afdeling 'n groot voorreg om elkeen teenwoordig baie welkom te heet en ek spreek die hoop uit dat u die dag saam met ons sal geniet. Ons dank aan die DOBVOH wat u veilig by u bestemming uitbring het en veilig sal terugbesorg.

It is indeed an honour to be graced with the presence of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, the Brethren from Sister Divisions as well as Sister Constitutions on this joyous day.

Dit is voorwaar aangenaam om die positiewe jaarverslag aan u voor te lê en dank elkeen wat bygedra het tot die suksesvolle jaar. Dankie aan my gedeputeerde, sowel as my assistente wat my bystaan in my leierskap.

During the past year I have experienced overwhelming support from the Provincial Grand Lodge team. It has a good influence on the Central Division and helped me in leading a good team.

Die Losies in die Sentrale Afdeling is doelgerig en ons poog om voorafgestelde doelwitte te bereik. Daar heers 'n goeie gees en kommunikasie tussen die broers. Die verslae van elke Losie bewys dat daar werklike groei plaasgevind het en ek kan nie anders as om trots te wees op hulle nie.

Ons finansies word puik bestuur deur Agb Br Marcel de Kock en alle verpligtinge teenoor Groot Losie is nagekom. Dankie daarvoor. Die finansies is kerngesond en alle finansiële verslae is ter insae.

Die hartklop van die afdeling, naamlik die sekretariële werk, word uiters suksesvol bedryf deur my sekretaris, agbare broer Marcel de Kock. Hy het ook die vermoë om goeie kommunikasie tussen die broers te bewerkstellig.

Dit is ook met groot trots dat ek kan aankondig dat alle algemene jaarvergaderings van die Sentrale Afdeling plaasgevind en goed

ondersteun is deur beide die lede sowel as die Suster Afdelings.

Goeie nuus wat ons graag met u wil deel is die moontlike totstandkoming van twee nuwe Losies in die Sentrale Afdeling, naamlik in Wepener en Postmasburg.

Ons kry baie die vraag waarvoor Vrymesselary gaan en ek deel graag die volgende waarheid:

"Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, too easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character.

-Louis L. Williams

Graag wil ek my goeie dame, Chrissie en elke ander dame wat haar man bystaan bedank vir hulle onbaatsugtige hulp en bystand. Sonder julle sal die orde nie afgerond wees nie.

Goeie gesondheid word elkeen toegebid, en ons dink ook aan die wat deur die jaar 'n geliefde aan die dood moes afstaan.

Laastens al die eer aan ons Skepper vir Sy wysheid en seëninge. Mag Sy guns op die Sentrale Afdeling rus.

SMIB / MDSW

SV Br / RW Bro Alf Bröner



Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Unie	4	1864	Bloemfontein	2nd	Thu	September	
De Morgenster	9	1870	Kroonstad	3rd	Thu	July	
Peace & Harmony	11	1873	Kimberley	1st	Wed	March	
Diamond	22	1907	Koffiefontein	2nd	Sat	October	10 am
Senekal	27	1914	Senekal	2nd	Wed	June	
Parys	30	1922	Parys	Last	Thu	October	
Central Free State	35	1923	Welkom	4th	Wed	May	
Dagreek	45	1932	Bloemfontein	1st	Thu	April	
Bultfontein	123	1977	Bultfontein	2nd	Tue	August	

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Central Free State	J Coetzee	072 5136835	J Pizer	082 3390958	centralfreestate@grandlodge.co.za
Dagreek	AL Myburgh	083 3030094	FJ Applegryn	072 6781141	dagreek@grandlodge.co.za
Bultfontein	JR Meyer	076 0970055	F MacNicol	08 4480670	bultfontein@grandlodge.co.za



RW Bro Alf Bröner (3L), Wor Bro Bokkie Fourie (4L) and the Central Division Brethren at the Lodge Diamond Installation in Koffiefontein

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER -
EASTERN DIVISION 2016**

Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM; the Assistant Grand Masters, RW Bros John Smith OSM and Victor Mühlenbeck; the Provincial Grand Masters from our Sister Divisions, RW Bros Alf Bröner, Central Division, Avron Jacobson, Southern Division, Alan van der Vyver, Northern Division, and VW Bro Keith Hutton from the Eastern Cape Division; Distinguished Representatives from the Sister Constitutions, RW Bro Douglas Kirton, DGM English Constitution, RW Bro Dave Patton, PGM Irish Constitution and Bro Peter Sutherland, RW DGM Scottish Constitution; RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren: I welcome you to our 39th Annual General Meeting. I am truly honoured by your presence here today. Thank you for the sacrifices you made to join us. Some of you have travelled a great distance, thereby just reaffirming your commitment to Freemasonry.

General

This Division is one of the youngest and smallest Divisions in the GLSA and experiences the same challenges faced by other Divisions and Constitutions in these modern times and economic climate. Membership numbers remain a challenge

and the growing demand for charity is a stark reality. Our membership figures remained almost static from last year.

We support the Grand Lodge initiatives to help the numbers grow and RW Bro Alan van der Vyver offered Northern Division's assistance in hosting a "What is Freemasonry?" evening. We'll also inform the Sister Constitutions of the date and invite you all to the presentation.

It is with great sadness that we had to transfer Wor Bro Trevor Marcus to the Grand Lodge above. He was a well loved brother and friend and his early tragic death came as a great shock to our Division. His presence in Lodge First United will be greatly missed.

The health of RW Bro Charlie Inggs remains a concern and we pray to TGAOTU to keep his hand over this family.

Lodges in the Division

Lodge Meerensee reached the age of 40 in 2015 and if compared to average age of the Masonic Brethren, this is just the beginning. Wor Bro Eugene Rawstone is one of the founding members and we thank him for his continued service to Freemasonry after so many years.

Lodge First United remains one of the stars in the Division and their recruitment remains the success story of the Division.

Lodge Isandlwana has found their feet and the first apprentice is in the Lodge. We hope the new Master Elect will carry on with the quality and style laid down by his predecessors.

Lodge Dromedaris is on the way back to its former glory and I thank the Master and Past Masters for their hard work.

Lodge Mngeni remains a steadfast and active part of our Division.

Lodge Neerlandia needs a rethink on its purpose and place in the Division. This is our oldest Lodge in the Division and all the senior Brethren are members. We may dedicate this Lodge to our "What is Freemasonry?" drive.

Lodge Theophilus remains our concern, but the active and senior Brethren as well as the good relationship between the Sister Constitutions keeps Freemasonry alive on the South Coast.

Brethren, I salute your hard work and dedication in our Division. This past year were free from major incidents. Our numbers might be small, but the calibre and quality is exceptional.

Distinguished Members in the Division:

This Division is honoured to have several Brethren of distinction in our ranks;

- MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM, GM and Honorary member Lodge Isandlwana;
- RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, DGM and Deputy Master Lodge Isandlwana;
- RW Bro John Smith OSM, Asst GM and Honorary member Lodge Isandlwana;
- RW Bro Victor Mühlenbeck, Asst GM,
- RW Bro Piet Coetzee OSM, Past Asst GM and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of South Africa,
- RW Bro George Schuitemaker OSM, Past Asst GM and Webmaster,
- RW Bro Neville Klein OSM, Grand Almoner.
- RW Bro Doug Kirton, DGM for English Freemasonry in Natal and Master of Lodge Isandlwana,
- Wor Bro Rodney Schreuder, Assistant Grand Superintendent Northern Division,
- Wor Bro Wayne Johnson, Deputy District Grand Mark Master, and finally but not least,
- Mostly Wor Bro Paddy Roberts and his numerous Illustrious Titles.

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers

Many thanks for the support you gave me during the past year.

Wor Bro de Kock, thank you for your continuous support and friendship. You have represented me at numerous occasions and I am

sure you are getting used to your added responsibilities as Deputy PGM.

Wor Bro Bill Murphy, thank you for your support and representations. You are always willing to accompany me on my Masonic travels.

Thank you to all the current PGL Officers for their support this past year. There are not a lot of promotions this year as we previously decided to keep the most of the Brethren in the same office for a two year period.

I would like to welcome and congratulate the newly appointed PGL Officers in their several positions and I know that I can count on your support during the year ahead.

Thank you to the nominated members of the Provincial Management Committee for all your effort and help. RW Bro George, your support and commitment to our Order and to me personally is unmatched. You are a father figure to me and I am sure the rest of Division thinks so as well.

RW Bro Victor, you are truly my Brother and I thank you for all your hard work as well as your friendship. Who knows where the Voortrekker Laan twins might end up. Maybe even like the Vilakazi street Nobel prizes?

Bro Marais, your support here as well as in the other branches of Freemasonry is appreciated and I cannot wait for your inclusion as an active member of our PGL team.

Sister Divisions

There is a good relationship between the Divisions as is evident in their presence here today. We shall be assisting the other Divisions in their establishing of their own Lodges with Military Interest. It is always reassuring to realise that the other Divisions experience the same difficulties as us and it makes me thankful to be in charge of one of the smaller Divisions.

Sister Constitutions.

There is a good relationship between all the Constitutions. Visits occur on a frequent basis and there are regular formal meetings between the Heads of Constitutions.

Masonic Services is the combined charity drive in the area and well supported by all the Constitutions. The Chairmanship rotates on a yearly base and W Bro Johan Vd Merwe is currently the chairman.

RW Bro Doug is currently struggling with his health and I wish him a speedy recovery.

Charity

We continue to participate in the Christmas hamper project through our involvement in Masonic Services.

Lodge First United had numerous fund raising projects and I know that Lodge Dromedaris

is also actively involved in charity events in the Pietermaritzburg area.

Lodge Meerensee is planning a number of charity events and I am eagerly awaiting the implementation of all W Bro Gert Nel's plans.

The Combined Charity Banquet at our AGM brought in more than R 50 000. Another similar event is planned for later in the year, of which due notice will be given.

Finances

Thanks to the expertise of W Bro Johan van der Merwe, we were able to meet all our obligations and still maintained a positive growth on our investments.

Our financials are available for inspection to anybody and you can contact the new PG Treasurer if any information is needed.

All the Lodges handed in their financials for 2015 which were passed on to Grand Lodge.

Education

During February this year we were honoured to be the hosts for a Six Sigma Presentation by Bro Jeremy Rundle, a Black Belt Six Sigma Practitioner and highly skilled presenter. Bro Jeremy was an Apprentice at that stage. The Sister Constitutions were invited and actively participated in the exercise.

The problem presented was the declining numbers in Freemasonry and specifically in the Recruitment, Retention and Recovery postulation.

After going through the root cause analysis exercise, the forum reached the conclusion that the lack of Masonic education is the main contributor to our declining numbers.

We have a educational masterpiece in our "Book of Life" and I urge the Lodges to implement discussion evenings to work through the literature. I also urge you to spend more time on the Mentor program and ask if you need help or advice. We are blessed with numerous Brethren who are well skilled in Freemasonry. RW Bro Neville Klein is now permanently in Durban and is eager to share his vast knowledge and experience with all of us.

I plan to host two Saturday sessions in the next year that will be dedicated to education.

I invite the Royal Arch to join us on those weekends to promote and educate the Brethren on RA Masonry.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite will have to meet in secret though, due to circumstances.

AASR and Royal Arch

I am involved in both in our Division and shall actively promote them in the future.

The rank of SGIG was bestowed upon both RW Bro Victor Muhlenbeck and myself at the Supreme Council AGM in Johannesburg in April.

RW Bro Eric and Augusta Cahill

After many years Eric and Augusta decided to scale down and finally retire from their secretarial duties. Eric has served 5 PGMs with distinction. Eric has been my office manager for two years, assisting me with all the administrative duties. Due to my extended distance from the office, he had to make do and improvise. Augusta was the stalwart and sometimes I think Eric was only there to help her with her hearing. Augusta, enjoy your retirement and know we all love you dearly. I hope to see you frequently at our festive boards. Eric, you are not so lucky as we are redeploying you to a non administrative role in the Division. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you advice, patience and friendship. I shall still press on your button if I need any advice and guidance from you.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Grand Master for the opportunity and trust he places in me to preside over this Division. It is an office of great responsibility and I promise to do my utmost in the discharge of my duties.

My sincere thanks and love to my wife for tolerating my Masonic obsession.

Thank you to my wonderful children for their understanding and acceptance of my absence on some evenings and weekends. I am proud of all your achievements.

May TGAOTU bless and prosper our Order in all its endeavours.

As a final inspiration - a comment from an unknown author:

Give the best that you have received from the past to the best you may come to know in the future.

Brethren, join me in this journey in the year ahead and assist me in creating a lasting legacy for our Division and our Order.

SMIB

RW Bro Frans Roodt

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Meeting	Installation	Special
Neerlandia	31	1922	Hunt Road, Durban	1st	Wed	Jun	
Dromedaris	77	1957	Pietermaritzburg	2nd	Thu	Aug	
Theophilus	107	1971	Margate	2nd	Mon	Jul	Sat
Meerensee	118	1975	Empangeni	3rd	Thu	Apr	Sat
Mngeni	134	1986	Hunt Rd Durban	4th	Thu	Feb	
First United	140	2008	Berea Rd Durban	1st	Thu	Oct	
Isandlwana	141	2013	NMR. Durban	5th	Wed	Jun	

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Meerensee	W Murphy	FCA Roodt	082 5533819	frans.roodt@medicross.co.za
Mngeni	PJ Jones	RW Schreuder	082 7861410	vistero@telkomsa.net
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Wor Bro / Agb Br Nowellyn van Vuuren

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER -
EASTERN CAPE DIVISION 2016**

I have been acting PGM for just over a year and for that time I give heartfelt thanks to the support I have received from the Brethren of the Eastern Cape Division. The past is behind us and we need to focus on the future and formulate a plan to bring us together as a strong and dedicated unit that puts the advancement of the Order first which will ultimately lead to our personal development as men and Masons.

The Province

The Eastern Cape Division is once again showing great enthusiasm in all things Masonic. I have been well supported in all Installations where I have been the installing Officer and have been proud of the quality and efforts of the Brethren within the Provincial team. Earlier in the year Wor Bro van Vuuren accompanied me to the "Chains Conference" in Bloemfontein and the knowledge he obtaining has been an inspiration and eye opener to him.

The Southern Division AGM and GL AGM was attended by 8 Brethren from the Eastern Cape Division and, once again, it instilled a great enthusiasm in those that attended. I attended the Installation of the new DGM of the English

Constitution in Grahamstown where I was well received and I have attended Lodge Installations of the English, Scottish and Irish when ever possible. I have been able to attend every AGM of our Sister Divisions at my own expense but there is a need to budget and reinstate our financial status so this cost can be borne by the Province.

The Lodges

As a small and widespread Province it is essential that we have healthy, vibrant Lodges, that are well run and focus on developing the Brethren through encouragement and progression on their Masonic journey. While the Master plays a significant role in this regard, he does requires solid support and encouragement. The rural Lodges of de Vereeniging and Milton have faded into obscurity through lack of structure and commitment and we must all learn from this. Freemasonry is a progressive Order and there is a need for membership to grow year on year to ensure survival. While the recruitment and selection of candidates is extremely important, it is equally important that we nurture and encourage the initiates and give them the importance the Order expects of us. It is a duty that we all have.

Fidelity has had difficult time but the Brethren of other Lodges have rallied behind them and with Wor Bro Kevin Kirwin in the Chair I am confident that this setback is temporary and expect to see real growth next year.

Bartholomeus Dias has a tremendous spirit and is going from strength to strength under the leadership of the senior Brethren.

Royal Protea has suffered from the setback of VW Bro Louis Wolsink's illness but is recovering and will progress into the new year.

Tolerance, from humble beginnings, has doubled in size since its consecration and continues its forward path enthusiastically.

There is a need to expand our horizon demographically and geographically in a steady and structured manner. Today I will obligate and invest Wor Bro van Vuuren as APM, a position that has been hard earned through dedicated and

honest toil. I always have Bro Nowellyn to fall back on during troubled times and I feed off his energy and enthusiasm. VW Bro Louis Wolsink has had a very difficult year with the health of his wife and himself being greatly affected and I ask all Brethren to keep Bro Louis and Marinda in their thoughts and prayers.

And finally, I would like to make a special mention of my Regalia Bearer today, Wor Bro Ken Marshall, who has supported and nurtured me throughout my Masonic journey and is still my mentor and guide. If we could all be as caring and interested in our candidates Freemasonry would be thriving. Thank you Brother Ken.

SMIB

RW Bro Keith Hutton

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, RW BRO KEITH HUTTON - 12 November 2016

King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 29 v18, "Where there is no vision the people perish". This statement is very poignant in Freemasonry for no organisation could survive through the millennia as our Order has without a vision. King Solomon was a great visionary and brought together the concept of building the Temple, which was given to his father David by God. Solomon did this through great planning, the formation of alliances and coalitions and structure. It must be remembered that, in ancient times, when a huge construction was undertaken it started with a war to enslave people and build through enforced labour. That was the norm, but this was unacceptable to the Israelites as they had been subjected to harshness of slavery. Solomon created a social revolution by employing and paying the workers and craftsmen for their efforts - and they were the first free masons. Hiram King of Tyre was incorporated in the vision to supply materials, cedar wood, gold, bronze and skilled craftsmen. The Israelites as the pyramid builders in Egypt had masonry and engineering skills. Solomon with his wisdom brought structure and leadership to the construction of the Temple. There were detailed plans drawn and the overseers in the quarry ensured the correct stones and blocks were cut and in place when required, the wardens ensured the craftsmen were organized and employed according to their capabilities and that they were paid, rested and refreshed to be able to carry out their duties to the best of their capabilities. Hiram Abif, as the architect, had the artistic talent and vision to enable beauty to be personified in the Temple. This need for vision, structure, organization and planning to

ensure that each Brother is employed according to his capabilities exists in Freemasonry today where every Brother has a role to play within our Order and none are more important than anyone else. For, as in the construction of the Temple, no one component is any more important than another and each needs to be properly positioned with skill to ensure the building keeps its engineering integrity and embraces the architect's concept of beauty.

The hidden foundation which, of course, is never seen is every bit as important as the keystone. The beautiful columns and ornate pillars have no point if the plain courses of masonry are not correctly laid. The beautiful and perfect mosaics and tessellated borders cannot be laid on an uneven floor. The tapestries and cedar wood panels will be nothing if the craftsmen did not use his plumb line and level to effect when constructing the wall. The workmen together create a beautiful and awe inspiring building where the sum of the parts is far greater than the whole. Clearly the temple was constructed by men of different faiths, races and nations yet the wisdom of Solomon brought a spirit of tolerance and respect where the builders worked together for the common good. It is from this foundation and concept that Freemasonry was born where Brethren working together, encouraging and guiding each other, could create something beautiful and worthy, now referred to as "the Temple not made by hands."

The simple message of Truth, Morality and Brotherly Love is at the very heart of Freemasonry and application of this concept makes us better men and the world a better place to live. Discipline

and the suppression of human weakness are at the centre of our aims.

The Masonic Cardinal virtues of Fidelity, Prudence, Justice and Temperance are the road signs that guide us away from selfishness and unrighteousness. This message is needed in the modern world. It is our duty as a Brotherhood to spread the message and have influence on society and for our message to be heard. As in the Parable of the Sower not all will hear it or even want to hear but let us not be deterred by this. The Grand Lodge of South Africa and the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions have a common bond and our future is intrinsically entwined. We all have a common goal and share a need in these times of dwindling numbers to work together to stop the decline and grow our Order and promote our International Brotherhood.

The future of Freemasonry in the Eastern Cape is very dependent on good relationships and working together towards a common goal and restoring our Order to the past glories it once had. There is a need for new ideas and a more dynamic approach to reach the younger generation on a broader level. We have a light that shines brightly

but are we hiding it under a bushel? Team work and each doing his best for the Order is essential for our growth. Today the Brethren of the Eastern Cape Division have all been rewarded for their hard work and dedication with their new positions, but it is important that we honour the obligations and fulfil the duties of the Office to which we are being invested. As PGL Officers we must be an example of all Masonic virtues and strive to grow and improve the Province whenever we can. The Brother Chain is only as strong as its weakest link and working together and guiding and supporting each other is at the very heart of Freemasonry.

By not striving to expand our Order we deprive the Righteous and worthy men of our Province from ever hearing our message and we deprive Freemasonry from having any influence on a broader society, a society that is crying out for a better path to follow. Work with me Brethren and let us grow our Order together so that we may prove able to look forward to a brighter future.

SMIB

RW Bro Keith Hutton

Eastern Cape Division / Ooskaap Afdeling

Lodge	Number	Founded	Location	Meeting	Week	Installation	Special
Fidelity	34	1925	Port Elizabeth	Monday	3rd	October	3rd Sat
Royal Protea	55	1948	East London	Thursday	4th	November	1st Sat
Bartholomeus Diaz	72	1954	Port Elizabeth	Wednesday	4th	May	1st Sat
Tolerance	142	2015	Port Elizabeth	Monday	1st	July	1st Sat

Lodge	Master	Secretary	Telephone	e-mail
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Bartholomeus Diaz	Christo Botha	Nowellyn van Vuuren	083 4535900	nowellyn@jeno.co.za
Tolerance	Paul West	Paul West	084 5314037	paul@primecs.co.za



Losie Makalani (Grootfontein, Namibia)

This is the only GLSA Lodge based outside of South Africa itself. They are renowned for their hospitality and the July Installation invariably attracts a large group of Brethren from all over South Africa.



**THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF SOUTH AFRICA**



**DIE OPPERSTE GROOT KONINKLIKE GEWELF KAPITTEL
VAN SUID AFRIKA**

ESTABLISHED / GESTIG 1969

The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester/	HE Br / MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
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The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa /
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First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal



Most Excellent Companion / Seer Verhewe Metgesel
Johannes Jacobus Britz

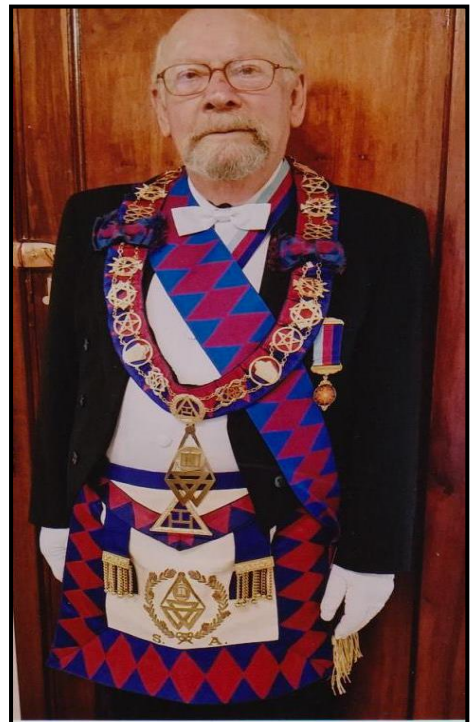
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**Dep First Grand Principal / Adj Eerste Grootprinspaal
M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg John Smith**



**Second Grand Principal /
Tweede Grootprinspaal
M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg Graham Sumner**



**Derde Grootprinspaal /
Third Grand Principal
M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg Bernard Neuhaus**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL / JAARVERSLAG VAN DIE EERSTE GROOT PRINSIPAAL

Welcome

MW the Grand Master, M Exx Companions, Companions all. Welcome to this the 46th Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa. Your presence is very much appreciated.

A special welcome is extended to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM.

Obituaries

During the past year none of our Companions were called to the Eternal East and I thank TTALGMH for this blessing.

Grand Lodge

A healthy relationship exists between Royal Arch and the Grand Lodge of South Africa. I thank the Grand Master MW Bro Edwards for his guidance and support towards me during these few months in office.

Provincial Grand Chapters

I would like to thank our Grand Superintendents, M Ex Comps Brian Carstens and Tom du Toit most sincerely for the manner in which they discharged their duties.

Attending Chapter meetings must not be a burden, it must be a pleasure. Each candidate is entitling to a working of high standard and I want to urge the Grand Superintendents to ensure that this is the case. Should the Companions enjoy the meetings they will tell their friends and surely it must rub off and attract Brethren to us.

Both Divisions made a contribution toward the Masonic Spring Ball and I want to thank the Companions for their generous donations towards a cause much in need of financial support.

Kapittels

Kapittels in beide Afdelings se groeie is stadig maar die Metgeselle is positief.

Kapittel De Broederband van die Noordelike Afdeling is in reses geplaas vir n baie kort rukkie. Genoemde Kapittel gaan heropen te Brakpan aan die Oos Rand in Gauteng binne die volgende twee weke. Die behoefte vir n Kapittel aan die Oos Rand is vir n geruimetyd al te sprake en dit het nou gerealiseer. Die lede van Kapittel De Broederband sal by Kapittel Koh I Noor aansluit wat meebring dat die lede nie verlore sal gaan nie, Kapittel Koh I noor is n twee talige Kapittel en die harmonie is wonderlik.

Met die Grootlosie se 2020 visie sal die Kapittels daarby baat sodra die betrokke Broeders deur die 3^{de} graad is.

Volgehoue druk is die sleutel tot sukses.

Councils

Fidelity RAM will be Consecrated on the 31st October 2015 in Orange Grove. The Grand Scribe Ezra, M Ex Comp Harry Archer MSA, has done an excellent job of getting all the logistics done for this Consecration and I thank him for this.

Rituaale

Die Merk Meesters en Voortreflike Meestersgraad rituaal is vandag deur die Uitvoerende Kommittee goedgekeur. Hierdie rituaal is nou meer "user friendly" en ek is van die opinie dat baie onduidelikhede uit die weg geruim is en dat die werkings meer vaartbelyn sal wees. Hier wil ek die twee Metgeselle bedank wat verantwoordelik was om die nodige veranderinge te maak vir ons almal se gebruik, SV Metgesels Piet Naude MSA en John Smith OSM.

Administration Of Grand Chapter

The administration of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter is in the hands of M Ex Comp Harry Archer MSA. For those of you that meet with him on a more regular base – he might be grumpy and hard-headed but I must thank him, not only for what he does for me as the First Grand Principal, but for his contribution to Royal Arch in general. M Ex Comp Archer you are not a youngster anymore and next week you will be 80 years young. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter salutes you, as a friend and Companion - Happy Birthday and thank you for arranging to have this Convocation run so smoothly.

Finansies

Die finansies van die Opperste Groot Koninklike Gewelf Kapittel is kern gesond en ek moet die Tesourier, SV Metg Dawie v Rooyen bedank vir wat hy doen om die finansies te beheer.

Tydens die laaste Uitvoerende Kommittee vergadering is daar n donasie van R5000 gemaak ten opsigte van die tehuise onder die beheer van die Suidelike Afdeling. Hier is n duidelike bewys dat u geld wyslik aangewend word.

Grand Chapter Officers

The Deputy First Grand Principal, M Ex Comp John Smith, was honoured with the OSM jewel during the Annual Meeting of the Southern Division. M Ex Comp Smith I congratulate you once again on this award. Working with you as my Deputy from June 2015, I have only experienced wisdom and Brotherly love, may TTALGMH bless you for what you are doing for our beloved Order.

Ex Comp Dave Duncan, Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Principal Sojourner and MEZ of Chapter Fidelity, was honoured with the OSM jewel in July 2015 and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa similarly wants to congratulate him on this honour received - well done Ex Comp Dave.

I thank the Grand Chapter Officers for serving and complying with the obligation they took. I thank you for your devotion and support. A Supreme Grand Royal Arch visitation list was circulated and I must ask all Supreme Grand Chapter Officers to support the presiding Officers.

For the Companions that are going to receive past rank, you deserve this and I know that your loyal support will not end.

Relationship With Other Constitutions

A strong and healthy relationship is maintained with our Sister Constitutions. This relationship is very important to Royal Arch and I urge all Companions to carry on with this relationship. The two Grand Superintendents, thank you for what you are doing in this regard.

Administration regarding representations to Chapters abroad is not an easy task and I must

thank M Ex Comp Archer for the time and hard work he puts into coordinating this.

Opsomming

Harde werk is aan die orde van die dag en Koninklike Gewelf Vrymesselary is nie uitgesluit nie. Die Grootlosie se 2020 visie is besig om wending aan te neem en Koninklike Gewelf kan hierby baat. Ons lede moet gelukkig in die Kapittels wees en dit geniet om vergaderings by te woon.

Die huidige ekonomiese klimaat maak dit nie makliker nie maar positiwiteit moet die maatstok wees waarteen ons gemeet gaan word.

Ek doen n beroep op almal hier teenwoordig dat taal voorkeur nie die struikelblok moet wees deurdat lede voel hulle word benadeel of ongelukkigheid is aan die orde van die dag, om vergaderings by te woon nie. Ons as mens het die vermoë om aan te pas – "Adapt or Die".

Companions, allow me once again to express my sincere gratitude to you for being present today. May our Companionship grow from strength to strength. May TTALGMH bless and prosper our members and our beloved Order.

ME Comp Johan Britz

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2016 - 2017

The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester
 First Grand Principal / Eerste Grootprinsipaal
 Deputy First Grand Principal / Adj Eerste Grootprinsipaal
 Second Grand Principal / Tweede Grootprinsipaal
 Third Grand Principal / Derde Grootprinsipaal
 Grand Superintendent / Groot superintendent (ND/NA)
 Grand Superintendent / Groot superintendent (SD/SA)
 Grand Scribe E / Groot Skriba E
 Grand Treasurer / Groot Penningmeester
 Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba Nehemia
 Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba Nehemia
 Grand Master Of Ceremonies / Groot Seremoniemeester
 Grand Master of Ceremonies / Groot Seremoniemeester
 Ass Grand Master of Ceremonies / Ass Groot Seremoniemeester
 Grand Regalia Custodian / Groot Regalia Bewaarder
 Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoof Besoeker
 Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoof Besoeker
 Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweede Besoeker
 Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweede Besoeker
 Grand Third Sojourner / Groot Derde Besoeker
 Grand Third Sojourner / Groot Derde Besoeker
 Grand Sword Bearer / Groot Swaarddraer
 Grand Standard Bearer / Groot Vaandeldraers

MW Bro / HE Br G Edwards OSM
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg J Britz
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg J Smith OSM
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg G Sumner
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg B Neuhaus
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg M Kotze
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg B Carstens
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg C Planting
 M Ex Comp/ S Verh Metg A Pembroke
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg A Bronner
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg W King
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg J Markantonis
 M Ex Comp / S Verh Metg L Martin
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg A Jacobson
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg R Supra
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg G Crichton
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg E Steenkamp
 Ex Comp/ Verh Metg G De Vos Rabie
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg D Markantonis
 Ex Comp/ Verh Metg A Duncan
 Ex Comp / Verh Metg P Roos
 Ex Comp/ Verh Metg

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (MSA)
TOEKENNING VIR VOORTREFLIKE DIENS (TDV)**

	Name of Recipient / Naam van Ontvanger	Year / Jaar	Rank / Rang
*	Kroukamp JJ	1985	Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	Menego BR	1986	Past Dep First Grand Principal / Oud-Adj Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	Levin M	1988	Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	van Niekerk A	1988	Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	Gasson SR	1989	Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipaal
	Smit HPJJ	1994	Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipaal
	Naudé JP	2006	Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipaal
	Cronje J	2013	Past Dep First Grand Principal / Oud Adj Eerste Grootprinsipaal
	Archer HW	2014	Grand Scribe E / Groot Skriba E

* Deceased / Oorlede

PAST FIRST GRAND PRINCIPALS / OUD EERSTE GROOTPRINSIPALE				
*	M Ex Comp E Conradie	OSM /ODV		1969 to 1976
*	M Ex Comp SR Gasson	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1976 to 1983
*	M Ex Comp JJ Kroukamp		MSA /TVD	1983 to 1988
*	M Ex Comp M Levin	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1988 to 1991
	M Ex Comp HPJJ Smit		MSA /TVD	1991 to 1994
	M Ex Comp N Rudram			1994 to 1997
*	M Ex Comp AAR Aleaxander	OSM/ODV		1997 to 2000
	M Ex Comp PJ Naude		MSA /TVD	2000 to 2006
	M Ex Comp AG Rhodie			2006 to 2009
	M Ex Comp N Klein	OSM /ODV		2009 to 2012
	M Ex Comp WF Prentzler			2012 to 2015

PAST PRO FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL / OUD PRO EERSTE GROOTPRINSIPALE				
*	M Ex Comp HM Daleboudt	OSM /ODV		1969 to 1970
*	M Ex Comp JJ Straus			1970 to 1974
*	M Ex Comp RA Geisler			1974 to 1978
*	M Ex Comp JJ Kroukamp		MSA /TVD	1978 to 1983

PAST FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL CONFERRED / OUD EERSTE GROOTPRINSIPALE TOEGEKEN				
*	M Ex Comp JEA Salem			1969
*	M Ex Comp CB Groenewald	OSM /ODV		1984
*	M Ex Comp A van Niekerk	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1988
	M Ex Comp RS Bauser	OSM /ODV		1991
*	M Ex Comp B G Lindeque	OSM /ODV		2003
*	M Ex Comp JT Bowen	OSM /ODV		2009
*	M Ex Comp A Watson	OSM /ODV		2014

**GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS: PRESENT AND PAST
GROOTSUPERINTENDENTE: AKTIEF EN OUD**

Southern Division /Suidelike Afdeling			
*	Bell	EA	
	Carstens	B	
*	Franken	P	
*	Lewis	N	MSA/TVD
	Loat	JA	
	Low	A	
	Prentzler	WF	
	Rhodie	AGA	
	Sumner	GH	
	van Zyl	AJJ	
*	Wapnick	AL	

Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling			
*	Alexander	AAR	OSM/ODV
*	Dreyer	JH	
	Janse van Rensburg	PL	
	Watkinson	PL	OSM/ODV

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling			
*	Brink	DG	
	Britz	JJ	
	Byrnard	FW	
	Cronje	JP	MSA/TVD
	du Toit	T	
*	Esterhuizen	WJ	
*	Gould	L	
	Harris	R	
	Kotze	M	
*	Menego	BR	MSA/TVD
	Naude	PJ	MSA/TVD
*	Roussouw	FP	
	Smit	HPJJ	
	Schaum	HH	
*	Wilkens	JJM	

PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS / OUD GROOT KAPITTEL AMPDRAERS

Past Deputy First Grand Principal / Oud Adj Eerste Grootprinsipale			
*	Brits	PRJM	
	Wilkens	JJM	
*	Franken	P	
*	Geisler	RA	
	Cronje	JP	MSA/TVD

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Grootseremoniemeesters			
	Mould	R	
*	van der Merwe	P	
*	Myburgh	PWA	
*	Bowen	JT	OSM/ODV
*	Loxton	RT	
	Olivier	JT	

Past 2nd Grand Principal / Oud 2^{de} Grootprinsipale			
*	Louis	SL	
	Pistorius	FWT	
	Prenzler	WF	
	Karstens	GS	

Past Grand Custodian / Groot Regalia Bewaarder			
*	Wentzel	R	

Past 3rd Grand Principal / Oud 3^{de} Grootprinsipale			
*	Low	A	

Past Grand Principal Sojourner / Oud Groothoofbesoeker			
*	Wethmar	H	
	Boshoff	FD	

Past Grand Scribes E / Oud Grootkribas E			
	Ackermann	GF	
*	Brecher	B	
*	Kaester	SP	MSA/TVD
*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	

Past Grand Janitors / Oud Groot Deurwagters			
*	Kommel	B	

Past Grand Stewards / Oud Groothoofmeesters			
	Gruss	B	(Holland, Belgium)

Past Grand Scribe N / Oud Grootkribas N			
	Grobbelaar	J	
	van Wyk	M	

*	Whittaker	JW	
*	Myburgh	P	
	Haasbroek	J	

**PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS CONFERRED /
 OUD GROOT KAPITTEL AMPDRAERS TOEGEKEN.**

Past Deputy First Grand Principal / Oud Adjunk Eerste Grootprinsipale			
*	Menego	BR	MSA/TVD

Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Assistant Grootseremomiemeesters			
*	Ziervogel	C	

Past Assistant First Grand Principal / Oud Assistant Eerste Grootprinsipale			
*	Fouche	PS	
*	Kaestner	SP	MSA/TVD

Past Principal Grand Sojourner / Oud Groothoofbesoeke			
	Rabie	GdeV	
*	van Niekerk	C	

Past Second Grand Principal / Oud Tweede Grootprinsipale			
*	Staal	FB	
	Watkinson	P	OSM/ ODV

Past Second Grand Sojourner / Oud Tweede Groothoofbesoeke			
	Brönnner	A	

Past Third Grand Principal / Oud Derde Grootprinsipale			
*	Clemens	JI	
*	Crous	RH	
*	Feigel	FT	
*	Hanke	LeR	
	Hayward	ER	
	Kukkuk	JW	
	Marais	FJ	
*	Wellish	W	
	van Zyl	AJ	

Past Third Grand Sojourner / Oud Derde Groothoofbesoeke			
*	Correira	AM	
*	Opperman	D	
	Stevens	AJ	
	Lötter	M	

Past Grand Janitor / Oud Groot Deurwagter			
*	Mocke	J	

Past Grand Scribe N / Oud Grootscriba N			
*	Blitz	J	
	Spalding	DH	
*	Wentzel	R	
*	Hollevoet	PFM	

Past Grand Stewards / Oud Groothofmeesters			
	Casson	G	
	Gush	MR	

Past Grand Banner Bearer / Oud Grootvaandeeldraer			
*	Botha	TJGV	

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Grootseremomiemeesters			
	Mitchell	SI	

* Deceased / Oorlede

**REPRESENTATIVES SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS
VERTEENWOORDIGERS SUSTER GROOT KAPITTELS**

Grand Chapter / Groot Kapittel	Representative Here / Verteenwoordiger Hier	Representative There / Verteenwoordiger Daar
Belgium	WF Prentzler	J Corbett
Canada	BL Neuhaus	
England	PJ Naude	Grand Scribe E
France	WF Prentzler	
Germany	H Schaum	E Petersen
Greece	L Martin	C Sariyannides
India	H Schaum	DD Udeshi
Ireland	N Klein	Ian WG Rudd
Israel	M Lötter	
Manitoba	B Carstens	L Barklay
Mexico		Oscar J Salinas
Netherlands	PJ Naude	D van Bentveld
New South Wales	T Du Toit	
Nova Scotia	AGA Rhoodie	E Greenfield
Scotland	AJ van Zyl	John A Fraser
South Australia	JJ Britz	C Selwood
State of New York	GS Sumner	
Victoria	H Archer	NJ Best

CHAPTER DETAILS

Chapter	No		Location	Division	Meeting Months	Day	Week	
Mutual / Suiderlig	1	1953	Cape Town	Southern	Feb Apr Jul Sep	Thu	4th	
Bellville	2	1953	Cape Town	Southern	Mar May Jul Sep Nov	Mon	4th	
Unie	3	1958	Welkom	Northern	Jan May Aug Nov	Sat	1st	
Dromedaris	4	1970	Durban	Northern	Feb May Jul Sep	Sat	1st	
Johannes Truter	5	1970	Paarl	Southern	Mar Jun Sep Dec	Thu	1st	
Koh-I-Nor	7	1970	Pretoria	Northern	Jan Apr Jul Oct	Thu	3rd	
Fiat Lux	8	1971	Port Elizabeth	Southern	Feb May Aug Nov	Mon	4th	
De Broederband	10	1971	Brakpan	Northern	Feb Apr Jul Oct	Tue	2nd	
Royal Protea	11	1972	East London	Southern	Feb May Aug	Wed	3rd	
Orange	12	1972	Rustenburg	Northern	Jan Mar Jul Sep Nov	Wed	4th	
Horeb	13	1972	Krugersdorp	Northern	Feb Apr Jun Aug Nov	Tue	3rd	
Witbank	14	1973	Kinross	Northern	Months with 5 Tuesdays & 3rd Tuesday in May			
Fidelity	15	1973	Orange Grove	Northern	Feb Apr Jun Nov	Mon	4th	
de Goede Kaap	16	1973	Cape Town	Southern	Jan Mar May Jul Nov	Wed	3rd	
Suiderlig	18	1975	Amalgamated with Chapter Mutual					
Unity	22	1985	Koffiefontein	Northern	Feb May Aug Nov	Sat	2nd	

LODGE & COUNCIL DETAILS

Bellville Cryptic	2	1988	Cape Town	Southern	Jan Jul Oct	Thu	5th
Eendrag Maak Mag Lodge & Council	6	1988	Krugersdorp	Northern	Months with 5 Saturdays	Sat	5th
Fidelity Cryptic	15	2015	Orange Grove	Northern	Mar May Aug Oct	Mon	4th
de Goede Kaap Lodge & Council	16	1988	Cape Town	Southern	Feb Apr Jun Aug Oct	Tue	4th

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter	No	Install	Special Date	MEZ	Contact	Tel
Mutual/Suiderlig	1	Nov		L Martin	WF Prentzler	021-5919938
Bellville	2	Oct		R Karreman	H Archer	021 5311539
Unie	3	Jan	3rd Sat	V Kumm	H vd Waldt	082 415 6082
Dromedaris	4	Feb	1st Sat	L Van Rooyen	AJ Pembroke	083 259 4980
Johannes Truter	5	Aug		W Godbeer	JL Snyman	021 8731365
Koh-I-Nor	7	Oct	3rd Sat	P Roos	B Topham	082 4143926
Fiat Lux	8	Apr	3rd Sat	K Hutton		
De Broederband	10	Jul	2nd Sat	J Nel	J Harmse	082 4528459
Royal Protea	11	Apr	3rd Fri	M Hiles	V Tabanelli	084 8118909
Orange	12	May	3rd Sat	J Malan	TA du Toit	084 5127505
Horeb	13	Sep	3rd Sat	B Smit	M Mostert	083 3203169
Witbank	14	Oct	1st Sat	HC Klopper	JP Cronje	017 6324398
Fidelity	15	Aug	4th Sat	D Duncan	ED Markantonis	083 4177193
de Goede Kaap	16	Sep		E Doucas	G Edwards	021 7625659
Suiderlig	18		Amalgamated with Chapter Mutual			
Unity	22	Nov	1st Sat	S Strydom	A Rheeder	083 2299074

LODGE & COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chapter	No	Install	Special	MEZ	Contact	Tel
Bellville Cryptic	2	Apr	5th Thurs	G Ricci	H Archer	021 5311539
Eendrag Maak Mag Lodge & Council	6	Jan	5th Sat	M Kotze	T du Toit	084 5127505
Fidelity Cryptic	15	Aug	3rd Sat	J Harmse	M Kotze	083 3219187
de Goede Kaap Lodge & Council	16	Mar		D Buckle	H Archer	021 5311539

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER SOUTHERN DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 2016**

Introduction

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report for the period under review.

I can safely confirm that the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division continues to prosper and thrive!

My appreciation goes to the Companions of Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division for their assistance and support.

Administration

I must pay special tribute to our Treasurer and Scribe Ezra for the sterling work they have done. Without the support of both of these the period under review would not have been so enjoyable.

Finance

A summary of the financial situation of the Division has been presented. I thank our Provincial Grand Chapter Treasurer, Ex Comp Dawie van Rooyen for the work he puts into making sure that we stay on the financial straight and narrow. I am proud to report that financially, our finances are still sound, and we have met all our financial commitments. All Chapters dues are completely up to date.

I am pleased to report that we made a donation of R5,000 to the Masonic Spring Ball event.

Membership

Chapters

We had a busy term in office and the standard of our ceremonial workings is steadily improving.

During this Masonic Year all scheduled installations have taken place.

During the past year some Chapters have performed particularly well.

Grand Superintendent



ME Comp Brian Carstens

Membership Losses

Resignations	10	
Chapter Fiat Lux	14	(in pipeline)
Total	24	

Chapter / Council	Members	Honorary	MSA	Life	Total
Mutual	15	8	1	1	25
Bellville	14	4	1		19
Johannes Truter	15	15	2		32
Fiat Lux	14				14
de Goede Kaap	19	2	1		22
Cryptic	29				29
Mariners	31				31
Total	137	29	5	1	172

Eastern Cape

The Deputy Grand Superintendent, Ex Comp Dawie van Rooyen visited the Eastern Cape in an effort to try and resolve the membership situation in the area.

Chapter Fiat Lux is holding a meeting with their Companions on 22 November. As we have 14 prospective members in the pipeline, I trust that Chapter Fiat Lux will start performing in line with our expectations.

Chapter Royal Protea had 6 resignations and is now dormant.

The Eastern Cape will be monitored closely in the new Masonic year.

Sister Constitutions

During the past year we have once again enjoyed the harmonious relationship that exists between all the Constitutions operative in the Southern Division. We have been able to visit each other on many occasions and at many functions.

I have attended some and where I could not attend personally, I sent a representative.

Conclusion

What has been particularly noticeable is the hard work and commitment that has been forthcoming from many Companions and their commitment has made a difference.

Chapters have been assisting each other with floor work at ceremonial workings and this all puts pleasure and enjoyment back into meetings.

My third year as Grand Superintendent has been a wonderful learning curve in all spheres and I am sure, with a lot of hard work and commitment from all the members in this Division, we can make an even bigger difference in the year ahead.

To each and every member of this Division. I thank you for your loyalty and support and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

M E Comp Brian Carstens

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**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER NORTHERN DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 2016**

Grand Superintendent



M Ex Comp Martin Kotze

The Northern Division is showing slow but steady growth. Some Chapters are growing at a tremendous rate while others are still struggling to open and to get new members. I am in constant contact with the members of the struggling Chapters to see how and where the Provincial Grand Chapter can assist.

Unie Chapter no 3 which meets in Kroonstad, and Unity Chapter no 22 which meets in Koffiefontein, are the two Chapters struggling the most. This is mainly due to the long distances and their ageing members.

Dromedaris Chapter no 4 which meets in Durban currently stands at 11 members.

Koh-I-Noor Chapter no 7 meets in Pretoria. It has 13 members and is growing steadily.

De Broederband Chapter no 10 meets in Brakpan, having moved there from Pretoria. They currently have 16 members and are also growing well. They are also getting more Scottish and English Constitution members joining.

Orange Chapter no 12 meet in Rustenburg. They currently hae 16 members. The Chapter and its members are getting back on track after the devastating strikes at the mines which had a major

impact on the town and affected membership at the Lodges and all side degrees.

Horeb Chapter no 13 meets in Krugersdorp and currently stands at 15 members. The West Rand has also been affected by the mining and industrial strikes and do not have a big pool to get new members from. Progress is steady with a couple of young Masons indicating their willingness to join. There are also a number of Scottish members showing an interest in joining the Chapter.

Witbank Chapter no 15 meetis in Kinros and have 18 members. They have also had a couple of new applicants.

Fidelity Chapter no 15 meets in Johannesburg. It is one of the Chapters with the highest growth and currently has 33 members. I also understand that there are more candidates looking to join. The Chapter's ceremonial work is exceptional, with young companions, for example, doing such charges as historical lectures word perfect. The senior members are also exploring new ways to keep every young companion busy, occupied and involved with the consultation of Provincial Grand Chapter.

Cryptic Council Chapter No 6 meets in Krugersdorp and has 15 members.

Fidelity Council Chapter No 15 meets in Orange Grove. It has 8 members and with the help of Cryptic Council no 6 membership is growing slowly with English and Scottish Brethren indicating an interest in joining. At this point in time average attendance is around 55 %.

I do believe that the Northern Division can still grow stronger, even with the difficulty's we face. I also strive to lead by example by doing quality floor work, which needs to be practised from Mark Master and Excellent Master to the Royal Arch degrees.

M Ex Comp Martin Kotze



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At the Royal Arch AGM

Seated in front are:

- Dep 1st Grand Principal M Ex Comp J Smith
- 2nd Grand Principal M Ex Comp G Sumner
- 1st Grand Principal M Ex Comp J Britz
- Grand Master MW Bro G Edwards
- 3rd Grand Principal M Ex Comp B Neuhaus
- Past 1st Grand Principal M Ex Comp A Rhoodie

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER FOR THE YEAR 2016.



Inaugurated 29 November 1992

Once again I have the honour and privilege to present my annual report for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of South Africa for the 2016 period.

It has been another very good year for the Supreme Council for South Africa, our Regions, Chapters and Consistories.

The Annual General Meeting of 2016 held in Johannesburg in April was once again a huge success and the conference theme "Planning the Permanent home of the Supreme Council for South Africa" established a clear agenda to ensure that all Regions work on a well aligned implementation plan to realise this dream in the near future.

The Finances of the Supreme Council are healthy and a well prepared financial statement was presented to the Conference and accepted as such by delegates.

The Sovereign Grand Commander invited Seven (7) 32° Degree Brethren to the 33° Degree to serve as Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals in the Supreme Council for South Africa. The Degree working formed part of the Annual General Meeting program.

The Supreme Council's 2019 Development plan workshop held in Johannesburg during October as a two-day workshop was most successful and stimulated huge excitement and debate amongst members on the Masonic Further Education program that the Supreme Council will embark upon in early 2017.

The Further Education AASR Degree study programs with clear curriculum and specific learner programs under assistance from the Southern Jurisdiction of America will allow members to either through group study experience or Consistory College enrolment further their Masonic career in the Ancient and Accepted

Scottish Rite. Group study and formal workshops will be available from the 4° Degree to the 32° Degree.

It has been a good year for growth in our membership and the Consistories and Chapters admitted thirty-one (31) new members into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. My sincere congratulations to these new members and wish them well on the AASR experience as part of their Masonic journey.

The Meritorious Award for outstanding services to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa, was awarded to a well-deserving candidate, being Most III Brother Cedric Moroukian, for his long and dedicated services to the AASR.

With all the joy and pride mentioned above and the thanks to the appropriate individuals concerned I have to sadly indicate with heavy heart the sad part of our experience during this year, with the passing of two of our beloved Brothers, being M III Bro Fritz Pistorius and M III Bro Charles Inggs.

These two outstanding Brethren who, by their example in life, have enriched greatly all whom they touched. They will be forever remembered for their dedication and commitment to Freemasonry in general and our Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Order in particular.

I want to thank all members of the Supreme Council, the Executive Committee, Regions, Chapters and Consistories for the unselfish and committed support that I received during the past year.

In F H L

Most Puissant Bro Piet Coetzee 33°

**ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Sovereign Grand Commander



**Most Puissant Brother
Florus Petrus (Piet) Coetzee**

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2016

Office	Name
Sovereign Grand Commander	MP Bro FP Coetzee
Lieutenant Grand Commander	Puissant Bro JJ Britz (Resigned) April-2016 Puissant Bro B du Plessis
Grand Prior	M III Bro M Burchell
Grand Minister of State	M III Bro N Klein
Grand Secretary General	M III Bro F Roodt
Grand Treasurer General	Puissant Bro B du Plessis
Grand Chancellor	M III Bro IG Heyneke
Grand Orator	M III Bro GR Edwards
Grand Attorney General	M III Bro C van Zyl
Grand Master of Ceremonies	M III Bro M Kotze
Captain of the Guard	M III Bro L Wolsink (Resigned) Vacant

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Region	Consistories	Chapters
South Western Region	De Goede Hoop 914	De Goede Hoop No 1 St Jan No 3 L'Esperance No 25
Northern Region	Eendrag Maak Mag 912	Aurora No 6 Eendracht Maakt Macht No 5 Prosperitas No 20
Central Region	Unie 906	Vrystaat No 36
North Eastern Region	Natal 904	Phoenix No 32
South Eastern Region	The Settlers 902	The Settlers No 4 Royal Protea No 21

STANDING COMMITTEES

Statutes, Regulations & Rituals	Foreign Relations	Finance
FP Coetzee (Chair)	FP Coetzee (Chair)	FP Coetzee (Chair)
GR Edwards	IG Heyneke	B du Plessis
C van Zyl		B Spies

MERITORIOUS AWARD (MA)

*	M Levin	2004	Grand Attorney General
*	FWT Pistorius	2006	Grand Prior
	BDJ Spies	2011	Grand Treasurer General
*	BG Lindeque	2015	Sovereign Grand Commander
	CL Moroukian	2016	Grand Prior

PAST EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Sovereign Grand Commander			Lieutenant Grand Commander		
*	B Kloppers	1992-1993	*	FB Staal	1992-1994
*	WAH Klemptner	1994-1999	*	M Milanesi	1994-1999
*	M Milanesi	1999-2008	*	CB Groenewald	1999-2000
*	BG Lindeque	2008-2014		T Vogler	2000-2008
				GLN Schuitemaker	2008-2013
				FP Coetzee	2013-2014
				JJ Britz	2014-2016

Grand Prior			Grand Minister of State		
*	CB Groenewald	1992-1994	*	JWR Brown	1992-1994
*	JWR Brown	1994-1995	*	GM Burchell	1994-1996
*	PRJM Brits	1995-2005		MR Gush	1996-2000
*	FWT Pistorius	2005-2006		CCR Heckman	2000-2003
	GL Schuitemaker	2006-2007		AG Smith	2009-2009
	CL Moroukian	2007-2013		B Chadwick	2008-2011
			*	JJJ Mocke	2013-2013
				JC Greyling Snr	2014-2015

Grand Secretary General			Grand Treasurer General		
*	WAH Klemptner	1992-1994		AJ du Plessis	1994-1996
*	CB Groenewald	1994-1998	*	KAS Lubbe	1996-2000
*	A van Niekerk	1998-2000		BDJ Spies	2000-2011
*	FWT Pistorius	2000-2005		FP Coetzee	2011-2014
*	B Lindeque	2005-2008	*	B Lindeque	2014-2015
	GR Edwards	2008-2011			

Grand Chancellor			Grand Orator		
*	W Klemptner	1992-1994	*	GH Burchell	1992-1994
*	W Raffels	1994-2000	*	PRJM Brits	1994-1996
	T Vogler	2000-2003	*	RW Atkinson	1996-2000
	PJ Brits	2003-2007		AG Smit	2000-2008
	F Ullmann	2007-2008		JP Conradie	2002-2013
	JJ Britz	2008-2014		JC Greyling Snr	2013-2014
	M Gallagher	2014-2015			

Grand Attorney General			Grand Master of Ceremonies		
	MR Gush	1992-1994	*	PRJM Brits	1992-1994
*	M Levin	1994-2000		MR Gush	1994-1986
	RS Bauser	2000-2005		CCR Heckman	1996-2000
	CL Moroukian	2005-2007		GLN Schuitemaker	2000-2008
	PJ Brits	2007-2008		B Chadwick	2008-2011
*	JJJ Mocke	2011-2013		FP Coetzee	2011-2013
	P Burchell	2013-2015		M Gallagher	2013-2014

Grand Captain of the Guard					
*	M Milanesi	1992-1994		P Burchell	2013-2015
	M Forrester	1994-1996			
*	CG Ferreira	1996-2000			
*	PA Greeff	2000-2007			
*	JJJ Mocke	2007-2011			
	JC Greyling Snr	2011-2013			

PAST EXECUTIVE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL

South Western Region			Northern Region		
*	S Violet	1992-1994	*	CB Groenewald	1992-1999
*	G Burchell	1994-2003	*	JWR Brown	1999-2006
	CCR Heckman	2003-2007		BDJ Spies	2006-2011
	CL Moroukian	2007-2015		JJ Britz	2011-2015

Central Region			North Eastern Region		
*	PRJM Brits	1992-2005	*	RW Atkinson	1992-2000
	GLN Schuitemaker (Acting)	2005-2006		GLN Schuitemaker	2000-2007
	JP Conradie	2006-2016		B Chadwick	2007-2011
				GLN Schuitemaker	2011-2012
			*	C Inggs	2015-2015

South Eastern Region		
	MR Gush	1992-2000
	AG Smith	2000-2009
	GLN Schuitemaker (Acting)	2009-2011
	JC Greyling	2011-2015

* Denotes deceased

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The Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals of the various Divisions after the 2016 Installation event: Most Illustrious Brothers Cor van Zyl (Central), Louis Wolsinck (South Eastern), Frans Roodt (North Eastern), Geoff Edwards (South Western), Boet du Plessis (Northern), with Most Puissant Brother Piet Coetzee.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

by Most Puissant Bro Mauro Milanese.

What is the Scottish Rite?

The Scottish Rite is one of two branches of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has obtained the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. (The other branch is the Royal Arch.)

The Scottish Rite includes the Degrees from the 4th to the 33rd.

The use of the word "Scottish" has led many Masons to believe that the Rite originated in Scotland. Actually the first reference to the Rite appears in old French records where the word "Ecoissais," meaning Scottish, is found. During the latter part of the 17th Century, when the British Isles were torn by strife, many Scots fled to France and resumed their Masonic interests in that country. It is believed that this influence contributed to the use of the word "Scottish." (It should be noted that some Supreme Councils do not use the word "Scottish" in their heading, for example England / Wales and Australia, refer to the "Ancient and Accepted Rite".)

In 1732, the first "Ecoissais," or Scottish Lodge, was organised in Bordeaux, one of the oldest and most influential Masonic centres in France. The membership included Scottish and English Masons. The years 1738-40 saw the formation of the first "Hauts Grades" or Advanced Degrees. In 1761 certain Masonic authorities in France granted a patent to Stephen Morin of Bordeaux to carry the Advanced Degrees across the sea to America. In 1763, Morin established these degrees in the French possessions in the West Indies. What he established consisted of 25 so-called higher degrees which flourished in France and were known as the "Rite of Perfection". Within a few years, after 1763, other degrees were added, until the Rite had a ritual structure of 33 degrees.

On May 31, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree for the United States of America, the first Scottish Rite Supreme Council in the world, was founded in Charleston, South Carolina. Its aim was to unify competing groups and to bring Masonic order out of chaos. The Founding membership of their Supreme Council consisted of 11 Grand Inspectors General (33°). Of these 9 were born outside the USA, only 2 being native-born. One important point which must be recognised by all Masons is the fact that the Scottish Rite shares the belief of all Masonic organisations that there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason. The Supreme Council acknowledges the Masonic supremacy of the

Grand Lodge and the Grand Master is recognised as the ranking Masonic Officer when present.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite degrees are in addition to and are in no way "higher" than the craft Degrees. The Rite work amplifies and elaborates on the lessons of the Craft. It should never be forgotten that termination of a member's Craft Lodge standing automatically terminates his Rite membership, whether his rank be 4th or 33rd degree.

The Supreme Council for South Africa which was formed on 28 November 1992, has, presently, the following divisions of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:

Lodge of Perfection (4° - 14°) Ineffable Degrees
Chapters (15° - 18°) Philosophical Degrees
Consistories (19° - 32°) Chivalric Degrees
Supreme Council (33°) Active/Honorary Members

The following Degrees are presently worked under The Supreme Council for South Africa :

4° – Secret Master
18° - Knight of the Rose Croix
28° - Knight of the Sun, Prince Adept
30° - Knight Kadosh
31° - Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander
32° - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
33° - Sovereign Grand Inspector General

All intermediate Degrees are conferred by communication.

The Rite's stated purpose is to offer to the interested Mason:

- The philosophical background to enhance his understanding of Masonic Tenets and Teachings.
- A Forum in which he is encouraged to advance ideas, concepts and proposals to stimulate research and personal development.
- The pursuit of the ideals which form the Motto of our Order :

Unity, Tolerance, Prosperity.

