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Deo et Collegio

**For God and our Order
Vir God en ons Orde**

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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 gelees 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 hoë 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 / Hoogerwaarde Br
Geoffrey Robert Edwards OSM / ODV**

**Commissioned Officers of Grand Lodge /
Grootlosie Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraers**



**Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester
RW / SV Bro David Duncan OSM / ODV**



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



**Assistant Grand Master / Asst Grootmeester
RW / SV Bro Alf Brønner**



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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER

8 JULY 2017

Introduction

Firstly, let me extend a warm welcome to all of you here today. Many of you have travelled significant distances to attend our meeting and your commitment and enthusiasm really is greatly appreciated. MW, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all, each and every one of you play a very significant role in the development of our Grand Lodge and we thank you most sincerely for the positive contribution that you make to our progress.

A very special welcome is extended to the senior representatives of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland as well as to our foreign visitors from Western Australia, Togo, Benin, Guinea, Mali, Mauritius, Ghana, Mozambique and Nigeria. We are truly proud to be able to call you our Brothers.

I have 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 I ask you to keep him in your prayers.

Update for End of Term Report

Brethren, as you are all aware, at the end of this meeting I will install RW Bro David Duncan OSM as my successor. I will therefore, in this my final report, take the liberty of touching on the overall progress made during my 3 years in office.

At my Installation in 2014 I addressed some of the key areas on which our Grand Lodge would focus during my tenure. These included promoting Freemasonry as, first and foremost, "a Way of Life" and sharing it more openly with the outside world; the practice of Tolerance and the recognition of its vital importance to our Grand Lodge in South Africa; the promotion of "Quality Experiences" for all of our candidates and members and a refusal to accept inferiority; recognising that Freemasonry is a voluntary organisation and, while our aims are serious, if we are to appeal to our members and attract the population at large, we need to have "fun"; expanding our contact with the international Masonic community and applying some of the lessons learned; emphasising the importance that our families play in our efforts to really benefit from Freemasonry. I hoped that the positive, even optimistic, approach that I have would rub off on everybody around me and that together, working as a team, we would be able to take our Grand Lodge forwards.

MW Bro Watty Watson OSM had implemented the Vision 2020 project in 2008 which focused on growing our numbers but, to our

frustration, we had continued to decline and this trend had to be reversed. That said, it could not be "at all costs" as we realised that Freemasonry does not appeal to all men and all men are not necessarily suitable for Freemasonry. To succeed, we had to attract "Quantity of Quality" and provide an environment which would stimulate their ongoing interest.

We also realised that the individual Divisions cannot best meet the challenge alone and we put a lot of effort into pooling our resources and uniting our efforts. 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 now really starting to see the benefits from such an effect in our organisation and that the results speak for themselves.

Chain's Conference in Bloemfontein

Shortly after my Installation as Grand Master we scheduled a Chain's Conference in Bloemfontein and we have continued to hold the Conference on an annual basis. At the outset we changed the format that had been used in the past and rather focused on both ensuring that all of our senior Brethren were brought up to date on what we were implementing and trying to achieve. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and provide any relevant input. These annual conferences have had a real impact on our progress and have not only met the desired objectives but have also bonded our senior Brethren together on a National basis thus facilitating the implementation of our plans.

In all 3 years, the Conference arrangements were coordinated by RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM and local arrangements were made by RW Bro Alf Brönnner and his team. Everybody who was involved in this project excelled and their contributions to our overall efforts cannot be underestimated.

Lodges and Membership

Growth has arguably been the most difficult of all of our challenges. 5 years ago I wrote a paper entitled "The 3 Rs of Masonic Growth" which explored Recruitment of new members, Retention of our current members and the Recovery of Brethren who had left in the past. In my view all have to be effectively managed, but most particularly Recruitment and Retention.

While we would be fooling ourselves if we suggested that we have won the battle against falling membership, it is a reality that we are continuing to make significant progress and last

year saw us finally increasing our numbers, albeit by a fairly small amount. Our recruitment has significantly improved and the presentation of the open Lodge ritual "What is Freemasonry?" has had a real impact in Divisions where it has been introduced. To our frustration, however, we still lose more good men than we should and need to significantly improve on our retention statistics.

Where applicable, we have opened new Lodges and restructured current Lodges to give us a more effective footprint. This incorporates such actions as consecrating Lodges Tolerance and Sonheuwel in Port Elizabeth, moving Lodge de Vereeniging from Graaff Reinet to Port Alfred and bringing 2 Lodges out of recess in Pretoria, these being Vaal Rivier which now functions as a uniform Lodge and President Burgers which is manned by PGL Officers and initiates internet candidates.

We have a number of Lodges who excel and are enjoying the benefits of their Masonic experience. Our successful Lodges 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, retain their members and comfortably recruit new Brethren. We must, however, somehow spread this culture to all of our Lodges - and the progress can be slow.

Grand Lodge Database and Technology

A couple of years ago we decided that, to meet our overall goals, it was essential that we have a properly maintained national database and RW Bro Avron Jacobson and his team duly identified a database system which is running successfully at various Grand Lodges in the USA. A number of modifications were made to meet our local requirements and we are now converting our current database information to fit the new package. While there have been inevitable setbacks, we are now at a point where we, ourselves, are the hold-up and more urgency in providing the data is required on our part. Pursuing this will be my first priority as I move into my new role as Grand Secretary.

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. RW Bro Jacobson continues to manage the project and is to be thanked for and complimented on his efforts.

Secretariat

RW Bro Izak Heyneke has been our Grand Secretary throughout my term in office. He has attended 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 assists with the management of the Orange Grove complex. I thank him, most sincerely, for his dedication over the past few years and wish him well in his ongoing Masonic endeavours. Similar thanks are extended to his assistant, Wor Bro Frik Brits, whose pleasant and efficient help has been greatly appreciated.

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.

This committee has been striving to tighten up the control of finances throughout our organisation and often meets with resistance from our Lodges. For my part, the single most unpleasant episode during my term was having to initiate Masonic disciplinary action against, expel and implement legal action against a very senior Brother who had abused his position to withdraw his Division's Benevolence money for his own purposes. Sadly, we have had similar experiences in Lodges and really do believe that we owe it to all our Brethren to offer a level of protection with regard to the financial management of their Lodges. It is also incumbent on us to provide details to the Receiver at the end of each year. Please note, Brethren, that we will be taking an ever stronger stance on financial management and must insist that our Divisions and Lodges give us their full cooperation.

Constitution and Laws

In last year's report we advised that we had re-indexed and transferred the "Constitution and Laws" into our "Masonic Book of Life". This has proved a sound option and we are now looking to tune our updating processes in line with the possibilities offered by the implementation of our new "Grandview" database management system. We also need to update the Afrikaans version of the document to bring it in line with the English version.

This Committee is chaired by RW Bro John Smith OSM. He makes an enormous contribution and he and his committee are to be complimented on the manner in which this vital task is attended to.

Rituals

These, once again, are being well managed under RW Bro John Smith OSM. All of our Craft rituals have been updated and released in A5 format and are available in English and Afrikaans versions. We have also tidied up such less used rituals as PGM Installations or Lodge Consecrations.

Communication

Although its monthly preparation has placed an additional burden on RW Bro Dave Duncan and myself, the Square and Compasses continues to flourish and it's a great deal of fun compiling it. There is no doubt that reporting on events from all over South Africa has helped us in our efforts to develop our Grand Lodge as an organisation comprising 5 united Divisions with a common sense of direction and purpose. The publication has now been going for some 5 years and will hopefully continue for a long while yet. The new database system will certainly enhance our distribution.

RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM has continued to produce the Year Book and 2016 was timeously distributed. He has also managed to compile the 3 years which were so frustratingly omitted, thus ensuring that the recording of our history is as complete as is possible.

Both documents continue to be included on the Grand Lodge web site which has been so commendably supported by RW Bro George Schuitemaker OSM for a number of years now.

We remain expectant that "Grandview" will also have a positive impact on our ability to interact more effectively with our members.

Education

The GLSA Freemason's "Book of Life" is handed out to all new Brethren at their initiation and updated as they progress. We are still working on the mentoring and assessment program and are delighted by some of the options that "Grandview" offers in this regard. Strategically, we plan to implement a schedule of defined tasks to be completed by candidates as they progress through the various degrees. Some of these, such as producing a report on the previous degree, are working very effectively in many of our Lodges and will just need to be defined as part of the program we are looking to introduce at a national level.

The Ritual Excellence Program continues to progress and RW Bro Alan van der Vyver not only ensures that it's high standard is maintained, but has also succeeded in becoming the first recipient of a Grand Ritualist jewel. We are implementing procedures whereby Brethren can participate remotely from around the country and we look forward to this project continuing to thrive in the future. RW Bro van der Vyver is to be congratulated on a job extremely well done.

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. We are now starting to gather material in support of the 3 degrees which we will launch as soon as "Grandview" is operational.

Royal Arch and the AASR

In line with our revised policy, our Brethren are now being exposed to our Royal Arch and AASR as soon as they have passed through the 3rd degree. This is proving to be an effective strategy and, for the most part, the Brethren are greatly appreciating the opportunities presented.

MEC Johan Britz, the 1st Grand Principal of the Royal Arch, is producing excellent results and I much appreciated the manner in which I was received and the ambiance and camaraderie which I enjoyed at their recent General Meeting in Johannesburg. It has been exciting to have played a small part in the development of our Royal Arch and I much look forward to their ongoing progress.

The AASR have a new Sovereign Grand Commander in MP Bro Boet du Plessis and he has some really exciting plans for taking the AASR forwards. As an active and enthusiastic 33^o member and the ESGIG for the South Western Region, I will certainly do my utmost to support these as best I can and sincerely hope that the AASR will enjoy the success that it's members so richly deserve.

Grand Lodge Committees

The Grand Lodge Management and Executive Committee meetings are held in line with the Constitution and have, for the most part, functioned very effectively. While we certainly don't always agree with each other, our meetings have always had the required level of Masonic decorum and I personally much look forward to them. I am delighted by the calibre of Brethren involved and thank them all, most sincerely, for their participation and the contribution that they make.

Grand Lodge Officers

How I will be remembered as a Grand Master is not for me to judge. One thing that I do know, however, is that I have done a great job of assembling 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 look forward to spending time with them and have always felt an enormous sense of pride whenever we gather for a call-out or a meeting.

My extremely supportive Brother, friend and Deputy, RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, will today be installed as our new Grand Master. I am more than confident that he will excel in his new role and look forward to being able to support him in the same

manner in which he has always supported me. Thank you, Dave, for being the rock that you have been and for always being there for me.

I also cannot rate our Commissioned Officers highly enough. In our Assistant Grand Masters and all of 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, have always inspired me to never give less than my absolute best. They have really made my job worthwhile and I cannot thank them enough for their contribution.

Our Grand Lodge Officers around the country have also played a very special part in our activities over the past 3 years. They too are dedicated Masons who are fun to spend time with. They set the example that I have always felt was so very important. While I try not to single people out, I really do think that it would be remiss of me not to mention RW Bro Jacques Markantonis whose sheer commitment and dedication takes our Masonry to another level and VW Bro Svenny Crofton who, despite having spent the last 2 years fighting cancer, has always assisted us as best he can.

While it sounds dramatic, when I look at our Grand Lodge Officers, I really do feel that I have spent the last 3 years being carried along on the shoulders of heroes, without whom nothing would have happened. "Thank you" cannot start to express the gratitude that I feel.

Relationships with other Grand Lodges

Our greatly valued 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 highly value the relationships that we have developed with both the African Grand Lodges as well as those Grand Lodges in Europe and around the world.

While we cannot afford to travel as extensively as we may like, we have made a number of visits to African and European Grand Lodges. My visits to the French and Portuguese installations exposed us

to a wide range of Grand Lodges from all over the Masonic world, while our attendance at African Grand Lodge Conferences and visits to African Installations has meant that we have developed sound fraternal relationships throughout our own continent. I also had the opportunity to visit Israel last year and will always remember the time spent at their Grand Lodge.

People struggle to understand how an assortment of totally independent, sovereign Grand Lodges can work together in International harmony. It is only when you visit foreign Grand Lodges, however, that you realise how invigorating Masonic visiting can be. This can be at any level and our Brethren are urged to include foreign Masonic Lodge visits whenever they get the opportunity.

Conclusion

As is always the case, my term of office has passed all too quickly and there is still so much to be done. I hope that I have made a difference, particularly in uniting our Divisions and giving us a more focused National approach - but I guess that it really isn't for me to determine whether I have been successful. This much I do know, however, I've given it my all and, in general, it's really been fun!

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, Val, Dave's wife, Lou, and the wives of all my colleagues for the manner in which they have supported and encouraged me, and indeed all of us, in our Masonic endeavours. They make it all so very special and worthwhile.

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

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**M W Bro Geoff Edwards OSM
Grand Master**

GROOTMEESTER SE JAARVERSLAG 8 JULIE 2017

Inleiding

Vergun my asseblief om eerstens hierdie geleentheid te gebruik om een en almal hier teenwoordig vandag hartlik welkom te heet. Heelwat van u het afsienbare afstande gereis om hierdie geleentheid by te woon. U toewyding, betrokkenheid en entoesiasme word werklik hoog op prys gestel. HE, SV, SA, Agbare Broeders en Broeders almal, elkeen van u speel 'n

merkwaardige rol in die ontwikkeling en vooruitgang van die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika en ek bedank ieder en elk van u hartlik vir die positiewe bydrae wat u lewer ten opsigte van ons vooruitgang.

'n Baie spesiale woord van verwelkoming word aan die senior verteenwoordigers van die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland, die Grootlosie van Skotland sowel as ons buitelandse besoekers

van Wes Australië, Togo, Benin, Guineë, Mali, Mauritius, Ghana, Mozambique en Nigerië gerig. Ons is waarlik trots om u almal ons Broeders te kan noem.

Ek het onlangs navraag gedoen na die welstand van ons enigste oorlewende Oud Grootmeester, HE Ronnie Bauser ODV. Alhoewel hy steeds baie helder van verstand is, is sy gesondheid egter nie van die beste nie, dus versoek ek u almal om hom in u gebede op te dra.

Opdatering vir die Einde van Termyn Verslag

Broeders soos u reeds bewus is sal ek aan die einde van hierdie vergadering vir SV Br David Duncan ODV as my opvolger bevestig. Ek wil dus graag van hierdie geleëtheid gebruik maak om die algemene vordering wat daar gemaak was gedurende my ampstermyn van drie (3) jaar in oënskou te neem.

Tydens my bevestiging in 2014 het ek sekere van die sleutel areas aangeraak waarop die Grootlosie sou fokus gedurende my ampstermyn. Hierdie sleutel areas sluit onder meer die bevordering van Vrymesselary as 'n "Lewnsstyl" in en om dit meer openlik met die wêreld daar buite te deel. Dit is van uiterste belang vir die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika dat ons verdraagsaamheid erken en toepas; dat ons kwaliteit ondervindings vir alle Kandidate en Lede van die Orde bevorder en dat ons weier om minderwaardigheid te aanvaar; dat ons erken dat Vrymesselary 'n vrywillige organisasie is, maar dat die doelstellings daarvan baie ernstig is. Indien ons dus ons lede wil beïnvloed en ook die bevolking daar buite wil lok, is dit ook nodig dat ons onself geniet. Ons het ons kontak met die Internasionale Masonieke gemeenskap uitgebrei en belangrike lesse daaruit geleer. Ons het verder gepoog om die belangrikheid van die rol wat ons families in ons pogings om werklik van Vrymesselary voordeel te trek, te benadruk. Ek het gehoop dat die positiewe en selfs optimistiese benadering wat ek gevolg het sou afmeer op almal rondom my en dat ons saam, as 'n span, die Grootlosie vorentoe sou kon neem.

HE Watty Watson ODV het die 2020 Vissie geïmplementeer wat gefokus was op die toename van lidmaatskap. Ondanks baie harde werk, het ons lidmaatskap egter steeds afgeneem en ons moes hierdie tendens eenvoudig stop. Die uitvoering hiervan kon egter nie ten alle koste gedoen word nie omdat Vrymesselary nie vir alle mense aanvaarbaar is nie en verder, is alle mense daar buite ook nie noodwendig aanvaarbaar as Vrymesselaars nie. Om sukses te kon behaal was dit nodig om Kwantiteit met die nodige Kwaliteit te werf en om 'n omgewing te vestig waarbinne hulle belangstellings gestimuleer kon word.

Ons het ook beseft dat die afsonderlike Afdelings nie hierdie uitdagings alleen kon te bowe kom nie en daarom was daar spesiale pogings aangewend om ons kragte saam te span en om ons pogings te verenig. Sinergie word gedefinieër as "die interaksie van elemente sodat, wanneer saamgevoeg, die resultate daarvan veel groter is as die som van die individuele elemente". Ek glo dat ons nou werklik begin om die voordele van so 'n effek in ons Grootlosie te sien en dat die resultate daarvan selfsprekend is.

Konferensie van Kettingdraers in Bloemfontein

Kort na my bevestiging as Grootmeester was daar 'n Konferensie van Kettingdraers geskeduleer om in Bloemfontein plaas te vind. Hierdie Konferensie was daarna op 'n jaarlikse basis herhaal. Van die staanspoor af was die formaat van die Konferensie, soos dit in die verlede daaruit gesien het, verander en aangepas en was meer gefokus om alle senior Broeders in te lig aangaande dit wat deur die GLSA geïmplementeer was en wat daardeur bereik moes word. Hulle was dan ook die geleëtheid gebied om vrae te vra en om hulle toepaslike insette te lewer. Hierdie jaarlikse Konferensies het 'n merkwaardige impak gemaak op ons vooruitgang. Dit het nie slegs die verlangde doelwitte bevredig nie, maar dit het ook 'n hegte band tussen ons senior Broeders tot gevolg gehad en sodoende het die Senior Broeders op 'n Nasionale vlak met mekaar verbind geraak en die implementering van ons planne gefasiliteer.

Gedurende hierdie drie (3) jaar is alle reëlins vir hierdie Konferensie deur SV Br Dave Duncan gekoördineer en alle plaaslike reëlins was deur SV Br Alf Bronner en sy span behartig. Almal wat gemoeid was met hierdie projek het hulle uitstekend van hulle taak gekwyt en hulle bydrae ten opsigte van ons pogings kan nie onderskat word nie.

Losies en Ledetal

Dit kan met reg geargumenteer word dat die groei in ons ledetal tot dusver die moeilikste van al die uitdagings was. Vyf jaar gelede het ek 'n dokument geskryf met die titel "Die 3 RRe van Masonieke Groei" wat gedelf het in die Werwing van nuwe lede, die Behoud van die huidige lede en die Herwinning van die lede wat die Orde verloor het. Ek is van mening dat dit noodsaaklik is dat al drie hierdie aspekte effektief bestuur moet word, maar varal die Werwing en Behoud van lede.

Alhoewel ons gedurende die afgelope jaar 'n daadwerklike, maar klein groei in ons ledetal getoon het, bly dit steeds positief. Ons werwingspogings het merkwaardig verbeter. Die aanbieding aangaande "Wat is Vrymesselary?" in oop Losies het reeds goeie resultate opgelewer in die Afdelings waar dit ingestel is. Die groot

frustrasie egter is dat ons steeds meer goeie Vrymesselaars verloor as wat dit nodig is. Hierdie feit beklemtoon dat ons ons retensie pogings drasties sal moet opskerp.

Waar nodig het ons nuwe Losies gestig en bestaande Losies ge-herstruktureer om die GLSA 'n beter basis te gee. Hierdie aksies sluit in die Inwyding van Losies Tolerance en Sonheuwel in Port Elizabeth en die verskuiwing van Losie de Vereeniging vanaf Graaff Reinet na Port Alfred. Ons het ook twee Losies uit reses laat herleef in die Pretoria omgewing. Hulle is Losie Vaalrivier, wat nou funksioneer as 'n uniform Losie en Losie President Burgers, wat nou deur die PGL Noordelike Afdeling bestuur en bedryf word as 'n Losie van Inlywing vir, veral, internet aansoekers.

Ons beskik oor 'n aantal Losies wat goed vooruitgaan en wat die voordele van hulle Masonieke ondervindings geniet. Ons suksesvolle Losies skenk goeie aandag aan alle aspekte van Vrymesselary wat insluit rituele werk, opvoeding, liefdadigheid en sosiale kontak met ander Losies. Die Broeders wat betrokke is by hierdie pogings en inisiatiewe is trots op hulle Losies. Hulle behou hulle lede en werf maklik nuwe lede. Daadwerklike pogings moet egter aangewend word om hierdie kultuur na alle Losies te versprei wat tot gevolg kan hê dat ons 'n stadige, maar 'n versekerde vordering kan bewerkstellig.

Grootlosie Databasis en Tegnologie

Om ons oorhoofse doelwitte te bereik was daar besluit dat dit noodsaaklik is om 'n nasionale databasis te besit wat behoorlik bestuur word. Daar is 'n databasis ge-identifiseer in die VSA en dit word deur SV Br Avron Jacobson en sy span reeds suksesvol bedryf. Verskeie modifikasies is tot hierdie stelsel aangebring om plaaslike behoeftes te bevredig. Ons is tans in die proses om ons huidige databasis inligting om te skakel om by hierdie stelsel aan te pas.

Alhoewel daar verskeie onvermydelike terugslae was, is ons egter nou op die stadium waar ons die opondhoud is en derhalwe is dit noodsaaklik dat daar meer ernstig gepoog sal moet word om data te voorsien. Dit sal sal my eerste prioriteit wees wanneer ek my nuwe rol as Groot Sekretaris aanneem.

Die nuwe databasis sal ons administratiewe proses bevorder en dit sal meer effektiewe monitering en bestuur van ons finansies tot gevolg hê. Dit sal ons ook in staat stel om op 'n vlak te kommunikeer tussen Grootlosie en individuele Broeders, wat nooit voorheen bestaan het nie en waarvan ons nie eens kon droom nie. Dit sal ook bestuursinligting aan ons senior ampsdraers veskaf wat ons in staat sal stel om baie meer effektief te kan funksioneer in die verspreiding van inligting sowel as die monitoring, bestuur en bystand aan

ons Afdelings, Losies en lede. SV Br Jacobson sal steeds die projek bestuur en hy word dus bedank en gekomplimenteer vir al sy pogings.

Sekretariaat

SV Br Izak Heyneke was ons Groot Sekretaris gedurende my termyn as Grootmeester. Hy het ondermeen alle administratiewe funksies uitgevoer en hy het ook omgesien na die interaksies met buitelandse Grootlosies. Hy het 'n groot rol gespeel en was ook deel van die Finansiële Komitee. Hy het ook bystand gelewer in die bestuur van die Orange Grove kompleks. Graag wil ek dan vir SV Br Heyneke hartlik bedank vir sy toewyding gedurende die afgelope jare en ek wens hom sterkte en voorspoed toe met sy Masonieke loopbaan vorentoe. My hartlike dank ook aan sy assistent, Agb Br Frik Brits. Sy aangename persoonlikheid en effektiewe ondersteuning word hoog op prys gestel.

Finansies

Die Finansiële Komitee word baie doeltreffend deur SV Br Dave Duncan ODV bestuur, met die ewe bekwame SA Br Brandon Topham as die Groot Penningmeester aan sy sy. Alhoewel die Finansiële details bespreek sal word aan die einde van my verslag, sal dit 'n leemte laat indien ek nie melding maak van die hoë standaard wat gehandhaaf word deur die Broeders wat hierby betrokke is nie. SA Br Topham het 'n toevoeging gemaak vir 'n opwekkende vlak van toewyding en kundigheid in hierdie gebied. Sy bydrae is baie belangrik en dit word opreg waardeur in die pogings van ons vooruitgang.

Hierdie komitee het gestrewe om die beheer oor finansies meer effektief te maak in die hele organisasie, wat somtyds onvermydelike weerstand uigelok het van verskeie Losies. Vir my was die mees onangenamste gebeurtenisse in my termyn as Grootmeester toe ek per geleentheid Masonieke dissiplinêre stappe teen lede moes neem, om lede te skors en om 'n regsaksie in te stel teen 'n baie senior lid wat sy amp misbruik het en sy Afdeling se Liefdadigheidsfondse onttrek het en vir sy eie gewin aangewend het. Ongelukkig het ons ook soortgelyke voorvalle in sekere Losies en ek is sterk van mening dat ons dit aan ons Broeders verskuldig is om beter beskermings tegnieke in werking te stel vir die finansiële bestuur binne alle Losies. Ons is ook verantwoordelik om die Ontvanger van Inkomste op 'n jaarlikse basis, aan die einde van die jaar, in kennis te stel van die besonderhede rakende ons finansies. Neem asseblief kennis Broeders dat die Grootlosie 'n sterker stand sal inneem rakende finansiële bestuur en daarom sal ons aandring daarop dat die onderskeie Afdelings en Losies hulle volle ondersteuning aan ons bied.

Grondwet en Regulasies

Gedurende die vorige jaar is dit aangekondig dat ons die Grondwet en Regulasies sou herindekseer en sou oordra na die Masonieke Lewensboek. Hierdie besluit was 'n groot sukses en ons sien nou daarna uit om die opdateringsproses in te skakel om in lyn te val met die moontlikhede soos verkaf deur die implimentering van die "Grandview" databasis bestuur stelsel. Ons verdere behoefte is om die Lewensboek in Afrikaans te vertaal en om dit in lyn te bring met die Engelse weergawe.

Hierdie Komitee is onder die voorsitterskap van SV Br John Smith ODV en hy lewer 'n reuse bydrae en is totaal toegewyd tot hierdie taak. Hy word dus gekomplimenteer vir die wyse waarop hy hierdie uiters belangrike taak aanpak en bestuur.

Rituale

Die Rituale en die samestelling en opdatering daarvan word effektief bestuur deur SV Br John Smith ODV. Alle vaklosie rituale is reeds opgedateer en vrygestel in A5 formaat en is beskikbaar in beide Afrikaans en Engels. Ons het ook daarin geslaag om die minder gebruikte rituale soos die PGM se Bevestigings en die Inwyding van Losies aan te pas.

Komunikasie

Alhoewel die maandelikse voorbereiding van die Square and Compass 'n groot las op die skouers van myself en my Adjunk, SV Br Dave Duncan geplaas het, floreer dit steeds en ons geniet dit steeds om dit saam te stel. Daar bestaan geen twyfel dat ons baie voordeel daaruit geput het nie. Die vooruitgang en ontwikkeling van die Grootlosie, bestaande uit vyf Afdelings wat saamgebind is deur 'n gemeenskaplike doel, word deur die verslaggewing in hierdie blad bevorder. Hierdie blad verskyn nou al vir die afgelope vyf jaar en ek is hoopvol dat dit nog vir vele jare sal voortbestaan. Die nuwe databasis sal beslis bydra tot 'n beter distribusie van hierdie inligtingstuk.

SV Br Dave Duncan ODV het die taak op himself geneem om die Jaarboek saam te stel en die uitgawe van 2016 was betyds uitgegee. Hy het ook die drie vorige jare se uitgawes saamgestel, wat opsigself 'n frustrerende en omvangrykende proses was, maar ons is nou verseker daarvan dat die geskiedenis behoorlik en na die beste van ons vermoë opgeteken is.

Albei bogenoemde dokumente is ingesluit in die Grootlosie se Webtuiste wat prysingswaardig deur SV Br George Schuitemaker ODV vir 'n aansienlike aantal jare getrou ondersteun word. Ons verwagting is dat "Grandview" 'n positiewe invloed sal meebring in ons vermoë om met ons lede te kommunikeer.

Opvoeding

Alle nuwe Kandidate ontvang by hulle inlywing hulle eie Lewensboek wat opgedateer word soos hulle deur hulle Masonieke loopbaan vorder. Daar word steeds beplan en gewerk aan die Mentor en Beoordeling Program en ons is verheug deur sommige van die opsies wat "Grandview" aanbied in hierdie verband. Strategies beplan ons om skedule van gedefinieerde take, wat deur die kandidate voltooi moet word gedurende hulle vordering deur die onderskeie grade, te implimiteer. Sommige van hierdie take, soos byvoorbeeld om 'n verslag aangaande die vorige graad te voltooi, word baie effektief aangewend en lewer goeie resultate in baie van ons Losies op en dit moet slegs gedefinieer word om deel te vorm van van die program wat ons hoop om op nasionale vlak vry te stel.

Koninklike Gewelf (KG) en die AASR

Om in pas te bly met ons hersiende beleid, word Broeders nou meer blootgestel aan die KG en die AASR sodra hulle hulle Meesters of Derde Graad voltooi het. Hierdie effektiewe strategie wat gevolg word toon dat die Broeders meet put uit en meer waardering het vir hierdie geleënhede wat daar gestel word.

SV Metg Johan Brits, die Eerste Groot Prinsipaal van die KG, behaal merkwaardige resultate en ek het die hoogste waardering vir die wyse waarop ek in Groot Kapittel ontvang was asook vir die fantastiese atmosfeer wat daar geheers het tydens hulle onlangse Algemene Jaarvergadering in Johannesburg. Dit was opwindend om 'n deel te kon wees in die ontwikkeling van ons KG en ek sien met opgewondenheid daarna uit om hulle voortgesette vooruitgang dop te hou.

Die AASR spog met 'n nuwe Sovereine Groot Kommandeur, Mees Puisante Broeder Boet Du Plessis wat die mees interessante planne het om die AASR die toekoms in te neem. As 'n aktiewe en entoesiastiese lid van die 33ste Graad, sowel as die Uitvoerende Groot Inspekteur Generaal vir die Suid-Westelike Streek, belooft ek om beslis my uiterste en volgehoue ondersteuning aan hierdie sake te bied en ek hoop dat die AASR die hoogtes sal bereik en die suksesse sal behaal wat hulle lede so ryklik verdien.

Grootlosie Komitees

Die Grootlosie Bestuurs en Uitvoerende Komitee vergaderings was volgens die bepalings van die Grondwet gehou en het meestal baie effektief gefunksioneer. Alhoewel almal nie altyd saamgestem het nie, was die beplande vlak van besluitneming altyd bereik en ek sien persoonlik altyd uit daarna. Ek is verheug met die gehalte

Broeders wat betrokke is en ek bedank hulle almal hartlik vir hulle positiewe deelname en bydraes.

Grootlosie Ampsdraers

Dit is nie vir my om te oordeel hoe ek as Grootmeester onthou sal word nie, maar een ding wat ek wel weet is dat ek 'n groot taak verrig het deur 'n span Grootlosie ampsdraers saam te stel wat voorwaarlik kredietwaardig vir ons Grootlosie is. Hulle is toegewyd en bereidwillig en hulle deel die begeerte van uitnemendheid wat ons voortdurend propageer. Ek sien daarna uit om tyd met hulle deur te bring en ek het altyd 'n onbeskryflike gevoel van trots beleef wanneer ons saamgekom het vir 'n Grootlosie uitroep of vir 'n vergadering.

My ondersteunende Broeder en vriend, Adjunk Grootmeester, SV Br Dave Duncan ODV, word vandag as ons nuwe Grootmeester bevestig. Ek is seker dat hy sal uitstyg in sy nuwe rol en ek sien daarna uit om hom te ondersteun op dieselfde wyse as wat hy my deurentyd ondersteun het. Dankie Dave dat jy altyd vir my 'n rots was en dat jy altyd daar was vir my.

Dit is vir my moeilik om ons Ampsdraers hoog genoeg aan te prys. Ons het, onder ons Assistent Grootmeesters en Provinsiale Grootmeesters, bevoegde en toegewyde Vrymesselaars wat 'n werklike verskil maak. Hulle is altyd 'n plesier om mee saam te werk, aangenaam om tyd mee te spandeer en Broeders wat, deur die voorbeeld wat hulle stel, my altyd ge-inspireer het om nooit minder as my uiterste beste te lewer nie. Hulle het werklik bygedra om my taak absoluut die moeite werd te maak en ek kan hulle nooit genoeg bedank vir hulle bydrae nie.

Ons Grootlosie Ampsdraers regoor die land het 'n baie spesiale en belangrike rol in ons aktiviteite gedurende die afgelope drie (3) jaar gespeel. Hulle is almal toegewyde Vrymesselaars en dit is 'n groot vreugde om tyd met hulle te spandeer. Hulle stel altyd die voorbeeld wat ek gekoester het as baie belangrik. Ek wil nie graag persone uitsonder nie, maar ek is van mening dat dit werklik 'n verlies sal wees indien ek nalaat om twee persone te noem. SV Br Jaques Markantonis, wie se absolute toewyding en betrokkenheid Vrymesselary na ander hoogtes geneem het asook SA Br Swenny Crofton wat, ten spite van sy stryd teen kanker, die afgelope twee jaar steeds altyd bereidwillig was om ons te ondersteun en by te staan tot die uiterste van sy vermoëns.

Dit mag wel baie dramaties klink wanneer ek na die Grootlosie Ampsdraers verwys, maar dit is my mening en ek voel dat ek die afgelope drie jaar tyd deurgebring het saam met helde wat my op hulle skouers gedra het waarsonder niks sou kon plaasvind nie. "Baie Dankie" is nie genoeg om my

uiterste waardering en gevoel van waardering uit te spreek nie.

Vehouding met ander Grootlosies

Ons gewaardeerde verhouding met die Broeders van die Engels- Ierse- en Skotse Grootmagte is steeds van hoogstaande gehalte en ons Provinsiale Grootmeesters gebruik elke moontlike geleënheid om hierdie verhoudings te vertroetel en te onderhou. Verder word daar groot waarde geheg aan die verhoudings wat daar opgebou is met beide die Grootlosies van Afrika en die van Europa en om die wêreld.

Alhoewel ons dit nie kan bekostig om uitgebreide besoeke ten alle tye te kon onderneem nie, was daar wel 'n aantal waardevolle besoeke gebring aan die Afrika en Europese Grootlosies. Ons het ook waardevolle blootstelling gekry by die Masonieke wêreld tydens my besoeke aan die Bevestigings in Frankryk en Portugal. Ons bywoning van die Afrika Grootlosie Konferensies en ons besoeke aan Bevestigings in Afrika het baie groot waarde gehad ten opsigte van die opbouing en uitbreiding van Masonieke verhoudings regoor ons eie Kontinent. Ek het ook die geleënheid gehad om gedurende verlede jaar 'n besoek aan Israel te bring, 'n geleënheid wat my altyd sal bybly en ek sal altyd aangename herrindinge koester van die tyd wat ek by hulle Grootlosie deurgebring het.

Mense vind dit moeilik om te verstaan hoe 'n verskeidenheid van total onafhanklike, sovereiene Grootlosies dit kan vermag om te kan saamwerk in internasionale harmonie. Dit is slegs wanneer besoeke afgelê word aan buitelandse Grootlosies dat mens besef hoe opwekkend Masonieke besoeke kan wees. Hierdie ervarings kan op enige vlak plaasvind en daarom word Broeders aangespoor om buitelandse Masonieke Losies te besoek wanneer die geleënheid hom voordoen.

Slotsom

Soos in meeste gevalle het my termyn te gou tot 'n einde gekom en het dit te gou verby gesnel terwyl daar steeds soveel was wat ek graag sou wou doen. Ek hoop en glo dat ek 'n verskil gemaak het, spesifiek deur die onderskeie Afdelings saam te trek en om die GLSA 'n meer gefokusde nasionale benadering te bied. Dit is egter nie vir my om te bepaal of ek suksesvol was of nie, maar dit weet ek wel, afgesien daarvan dat ek my beste gelewer het, het ek dit werklik geniet en was dit vir my 'n plesier.

Ten slotte erken ek die leiding en seëninge van die OBVDH in al ons pogings om ons verantwoordelikhede na te kom tot eer en verheerliking van Sy heilige Naam. Ek wil ook graag erkenning gee en my dank betuig aan my gade Val, Dave se gade Louise, en al die gades van

my kollegas vir die wyse waarop hulle vir my en ons almal bygestaan, ondersteun en aangespoor het in al ons Masonieke ondernemings. Hulle maak dit alles vir ons baie spesiaal en die moeite werd.

Ten slotte my Broeders, bedank ek u elkeen afsonderlik vir u ondersteuning en toewyding, dit maak my trots om u Broeder te wees.

MDSW



HE Broeder Geoff Edwards ODV
Grootmeester



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Mauritius 2015

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With MW Bros Kwadjo Butah and
Charles Stanley-Pierre of Ghana



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**ADDRESS BY THE NEWLY INSTALLED GRAND MASTER,
MW BRO DAVID JAMES DUNCAN OSM**

Martin Luther King, on 28th August 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial, delivered his famous “I have a dream” speech in which he revealed his vision for the future of his people in America. It was a speech in which he challenged the prevailing norms and perceptions existing in general society at that time. His speech was enthusiastically received by his followers, but discounted by the bulk of society as “*the impossible dream*”.

John Kennedy on 25th May 1961, in a speech before Congress related his dream of seeing an American being the first man to walk on the Moon, and set a time objective of the end of the decade for this to happen. Another “*impossible dream*”?

Neither man could make it happen by himself alone and both men knew that if you do not have goal as a leader, you cannot mobilise people to work to a common objective. Not everyone will sign up, but if the goal is perceived as worthy, enough will lend their skills and abilities to make it happen.

Neither man lived to see their goal achieved, but the inspiration that they created lived on and history has been written.

In less than 9 years, on 20th July 1969, Neil Armstrong, a freemason, walked on the Moon. He, along with Buzz Aldrin, was part of the crew that landed their space craft with the computing power equivalent to two IBM XT notebook computers. They had achieved so much with computing power that is miniscule when compared to the power contained in even the simplest of cell phones which are readily available today. What placed a man on the moon has since been developed exponentially and now my 7-year-old great grandchild has complete confidence with computing power beyond my imagination and her understanding.

The dream was focussed on an event, but the consequences have been life changing for all of us. Would the technology that we take for granted today have been available if John Kennedy had not had his impossible dream?

The dream of Martin Luther King has not yet been realised and this shows the difference between the nature of the goals. The “man on the Moon” project was a material goal and by throwing limitless resources at it; success could be achieved relatively quickly. Martin Luther King’s goal is based on attitude and behaviour and no matter how willing the few are, the masses take time to come to terms with new concepts of thought. A whole raft of laws has been promulgated to make Martin’s dream come true, but progress has been relatively slow as one cannot legislate a change of attitude.

When we consider organised Freemasonry, we can ask ourselves the question as to whether or not it is perfect. We all know that we do belong to the greatest fraternal organisation ever created by man; but is it doing what it should be?

In times long passed, Freemasonry counted amongst its members, the movers and shakers of society. These were the leaders in their societies and they were proud to admit their membership. In South Africa this has included, State Presidents, Clergymen, Teachers, Lawyers, Industrialists, Entrepreneurs and senior Civil Servants responsible for creating the infrastructure of South Africa when it emerged from being a colony to become the industrial powerhouse of Africa. Freemasons were known to their communities, because they were involved with them. The image of Freemasonry was that of a force for good in society.

Over time this changed and today we are perceived to be little more than a mysterious organisation with something to hide. We are the butts of attack for every small-minded clergyman who wants to unite his flock by creating the “enemy without”. For long enough we have not reacted to these claims of wrong doing, probably in the hope that they would go away. It can be suggested that the opposite has happened.

May I suggest that to restore the respect for our Order and reclaim our rightful place in society, we must be involved in that society. We must go out and fly the flag at every opportunity and be recognised for the positive contribution that we, even now, quietly make behind the scenes. Sadly, it is well known that perception is more powerful than fact and so we cannot talk to the bigots; we must demonstrate to the open minded as to whom we are and the good we do.

Brethren; it is not just a marketing opportunity that we need to create; we need to structure the activities in our Lodges to involve each and every one of us in “making a positive difference within our community”. We need to live by those beautiful sentiments portrayed in our ritual;

“There is no man so devoid of power or opportunity that he cannot do much for the good of his fellows. May you so know yourself that using aright those talents wherewith God has blessed you, you may do much good in your day and generation, and have little cause to regret work done amiss, or opportunities neglected”.

Charity is often perceived as the giving of money to a worthy cause. However, I would suggest that this is not the best kind of charity work as it is not sustainable and, using a biblical analogy, only “feeds a man for day”. By giving of

our time and expertise to those in the community who are at the coalface of the provision of charity, we can in a support role, help them to improve their performance and therefore increase their effectiveness.

We are all Freemasons and, in my opinion, we need to put the promotion of Freemasonry first in everything we do within our communities. The task of rebuilding our image and reputation is enormous and therefore we need to deploy our forces collectively in well designed and productive opportunities to achieve this great aim.

The thought that I would like to leave you with is that:

“We must facilitate the opportunity for all of the Brethren who have experienced the benefits of the life skill leadership school that our Lodges promote to practise and develop those skills by making a positive contribution to those less fortunate than ourselves within their local communities.

SMIB

MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM

8 July 2017

The Installation of the new Grand Master, MW Bro David Duncan OSM



The newly installed Grand Master, MW Bro David Duncan OSM, (centre front) surrounded by visiting dignitaries and senior GLSA Officers.



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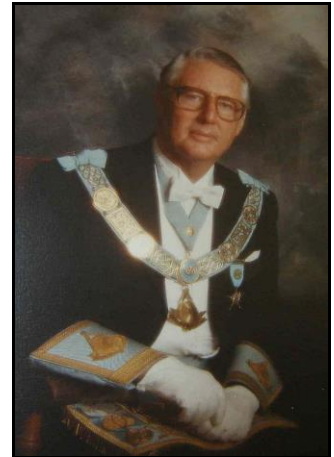
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1961 to 1966**



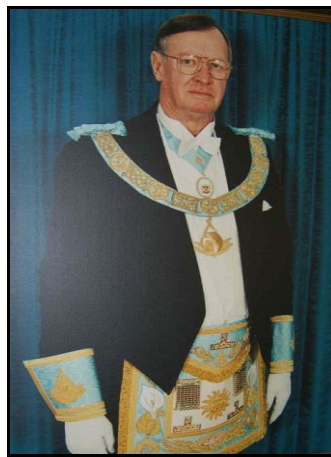
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*	Feintuch	M	OSM /ODV		Schuitemaker	GLN	OSM/ODV
*	Ferreira	PH		*	van Niekerk	A	OSM /ODV
*	Greenwood	TW	OSM /ODV				
Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester / Past Provincial Grand Master							
	Botha	FJ		*	Mitchell	SJ	
*	Breedt	GC			Olivier	JHC	
*	Cullen	JW		*	Pretorius	AP	
*	de Lange	JH			Rhoodie	AGA	
*	de Villiers	GR			Rudram	N	
*	Delpport	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	
*	Croxford	LH			Ramos	MF	
*	de Bruto	JH		*	Reeler	JE	
*	du Bruyn	IL		*	Rive	FJM	
*	Glenton	HG			Rozen	M	
	Gobetz	JM		*	Shubitz	ID	
*	Greeff	PA		*	Spalding	DH	
	Janse van Rensburg	PJ		*	Staal	FB	
*	Katz	PP		*	van der Merwe	RF	
	Klein	N	OSM/ODV		Viljoen	HDG	
*	Maas	DA		*	Werner	CJ	
*	Menego	BR			Willemse	CJ	
*	Meyers	RS		*	Willis	PL	

Oud Groot Tweede Opsier / Past Grand Junior Warden

*	Bronkhorst	CW		*	Lifson	JA	
	Calvet	N			Lötter	MJ	
*	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	
	Gush	MR			Schaum	H	
*	Haylett	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	
*	Nosworthy	SA			Werner	MJO	
*	Sacks	CM					

Oud Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremonies							
*	Cahill	ER			Gillwald	FN	
	Crofton	S		*	Olpin	PM	
	Ellman	P		*	Whiting	CW	
*	Fourie	GP		*	Wilner	S	
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	
	Heckmann	CCR		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Henning	PJ		*	Scott	de B	
*	Kaestner	LH		*	Wethmar	HA	
Oud Groot Eerste Geleier / Past Grand First Preparator							
*	Allan	IR		*	Longhurst	WT	
*	Cross	GH			Moroukian	CL	
*	Eastham	CT			Steyn	JF	
*	Franken	P		*	Supra	R	
*	Keane Murphy	IAL					
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	
	Jorritsma	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			van Rooyen	L	

Oud Groot Boumeester / Past Grand Architect							
*	Austin	WA		*	Loxton	RT	
*	Blignaut	E		*	Penchars	BJ	
*	Jorritsma	E		*	Robertson	AF	
Oud Groot Swaarddraer / Past Grand Sword Bearer							
	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					
Oud Groot Direkteur van Musiek / Past Grand Director of Music							
*	Banks	W			Ladbrook	RH	
*	Breedt	GPA			Stemmet	DJ	
*	Bussy	BR			Victor	JHJ	
*	de Jager	JG					
Oud Groot Binnewagte / Past Grand Inner Guard							
*	Brasler	WA		*	Reid	MB	
*	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.

oud grootlosie rang verleen / past grand lodge rank conferred.

Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Grootmeester / Past Grand Master							
*	Rose	JG					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Adjunk Grootmeester / Past Deputy Grand Master							
*	Levin	M	OSM /ODV	*	van Niekerk	A	OSM /ODV
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Eerste Opsier / Past Grand Senior Warden							
*	Bergman	P		*	Moore	C	
*	Gorvalla	PI			Naude	PJ	MSA / TVD

*	Griesler	RA		*	Nel	JP	
*	Henschel	PA		*	Sacks	CM	
*	Knoetze	FG			Slabbert	CL	
*	Kroukamp	JJ	MSA/TVD	*	van Zyl	WJ	
*	Landsberg	W		*	Vincent	T	
*	Lawley	HR		*	Zaayman	V	

Verleen / Conferred

Oud Groot Tweede Opsier / Past Grand Junior Warden

*	Adendorf	MJ			Moroukian	C	
*	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			Schaum	H	
	Crofton	S			Smit	HPJJ	
*	Davel	JC			Spies	BDJ	
	Fourie	JN			Strydom	SP	
*	Gould	L		*	van der Merwe	DS	
*	Human	JA		*	van der Vyver	V	
	Johnson	BC		*	van Zyl	PdeW	
*	Kaestner	SP		*	Vassiliades	T	
*	Kitay	EG		*	Wellish	W	
	Manefeldt	KP		*	Wolman	IS	
*	Milanesi	M					

Verleen / Conferred

Oud Groot Redenaar / Past Grand Orator

	Arthur	AM		*	Louis	L	
*	Austin	WA		*	Mitchell	SP	
*	Braude	JH			Potgieter	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	

Verleen / Conferred

Oud Groot Sereonimeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremonies

*	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	

	de Kock	BJ		*	Rose	JG	
	du Toit	JJ		*	Roussouw	FP	
	Engelbrecht	JA		*	Roussouw	GP	
*	Gilson	WJA		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Gray	W		*	Scott	de B	
*	Greenman	SR			Smith	JAF	
	Grobbelaar	A			Spies	BDP	
*	Gross	G			Strydom	SP	
	Haasbroek	J			van der Merwe	J	
	Hattingh	C			Vermaak	J	
*	Henning	FJT		*	Wethmar	HA	
	Hirson	P					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Assistent Groot Sereoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies							
*	Borrowman	D		*	Shields	SET	
*	Klempner	WHA			Wade	DFW	
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Eerste Geleier / Past Grand First Preparator							
*	Annandale	CF		*	van der Merwe	PHG	
*	Powell	BJ					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Almoesnier / Past Grand Almoner							
	Brenner	B		*	Leary	N	
	de Kock	B			Mare	FR	
	Finnern	H					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Ambassadeur / Past Grand Ambassador							
*	Bartlett	HD		*	Nestadt	M	
	Carstens	B		*	Papavarnavas	PS	
*	Cooper	AA			Peacock	JM	
*	de Jager	J		*	Shapiro	S	
*	Hermanson	WC		*	Singer	B	
	Jacobs	JJ			van Rensburg	D	
*	Lazarow	ZL		*	van Wyk	DIS	
*	Lokker	FW		*	Vlismas	JS	
	Lombaard	JA			Watkins	M	
	Lutrin	I		*	Widmore	R	
*	Muller	PW					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Inspekteur / Past Grand Inspector							
*	Beets	MJ		*	Solms	JL	
*	Berman	H			Stevens	J	
*	Lampert	W			Steyn	JJ	
	Larsen	CA			Steyn	MH	
	Levy	JB			Steyn	PH	
	Lewis	S		*	Teren	AG	
*	Lubowski	A			van Niekerk	PA	
*	McCullum	JW		*	Verster	GP	

	McHardy	JC		*	Viljoen	NL	
	Potgieter	G			Visser	G	
*	Sagor	S		*	Widmonte	R	
	Seaward	HE		*	Wilken	EJWJ	
	Smit	JLE		*	Zweigelaar	H	
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Boumeester / Past Grand Architect							
	Appelgryn	JF			Murphy	W	
*	Bloom	M			Nothnagel	GC	
*	Brink	W		*	Ressell	I	
	Buirski	J			Rudman	L	
	Coe	CJG		*	Scheepers	JM	
	de Kock	BJ			Smit	AJ	
*	du Toit	DE			Smit	DS	
	Engelbrecht	A			van den Berg	SL	
	Fourie	A			van der Velden	JD	
	Futter	GM			van Loggerenberg	CJM	
	Gouws	P			Vosloo	DJ	
	Kotze	M			Weir	A	
	Mathysen	JJ		*	Wentzel	R	
*	Mouton	C			White	KMP	
	Mulder	S					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Swaardraer / Past Grand Sword Bearer							
*	Brecher	BG		*	Joubert	JM	
	Grobler	WJ		*	Vosloo	GS	
*	Gulbranson	H			Walt	A	
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Vaandeldraer / Past Grand Banner Bearer							
	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	
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Direkteur van Musiek / Past Grand Director of Music							
*	Cross	RF			Scheffer	W	
	Leal	LdeV		*	Thompson	RJ	
	Morrison	RA			Wilken	P	
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Binnewagte / Past Grand Inner Guard							
*	Badenhorst	IC		*	Lello	DO	
*	Butters	CT		*	Levin	MJ	
	Coetzee	P			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	
*	Kaplan	A					
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Buitewag / Past Grand Tyler							
*	Gerson	A		*	Schmuck	WN	
	Nayman	A			Slabbert	D	
Verleen / Conferred							
Oud Groot Hofmeester / Past Grand Steward							
	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	
*	Esterhuizen	WM			van Burick	NL	
	Els	F			van der Walt	HP	
	Feigel	EM			van Niekerk	JM	
*	Ferreira	S			van Rooyen	P	
*	Hollevoet	P			van Zyl	A	
	Insley	FT		*	Veitch	F	
	James	A			Vermaak	T	
	Kerwan	L			Voigt	D	
	le Roux	PJ		*	von Brandis	MF	
*	Levitt	CB			Westwood	WJ	
*	Lindeijer	JA			Wilkin	GJ	
	Louw	RNP		*	Williams	DE	
*	MacMaster	MG			Williams	ES	
*	Mankowitz	S		*	Wright	J	
	Marais	FJ		*	Wydeman	HP	
	McFarlane	CM		*	Zwart	JN	

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika

REPRESENTATIVES TO SISTER GRAND LODGES

Region	Grand Lodge	GLSA Representative
Britain	England	Duncan DJ OSM
Britain	Ireland	Smith JEH OSM
Britain	Scotland	Edwards GR 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	TBA
Canada	Newfoundland & Labrador	Rozen M
Canada	Nova Scotia	TBA
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	Jacobsen AI
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	TBA
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 PG
Ctl/S America	Colombia (at Barranquilla)	TBA
Ctl/S America	Colombia (at Bogota)	Heyneke IG
Ctl/S America	Costa Rica	TBA
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)	TBA
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	TBA
Africa	Burkina Faso	TBA
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	TBA
Europe	Andora	Markantonis J
Europe	Austria	TBA
Europe	Belgium	Brönnner A
Europe	Bulgaria	Moroukian C
Europe	Czech Republic	Montgomery CF
Europe	Cyprus	TBA
Europe	Denmark	Roodt F
Europe	Estonia	TBA
Europe	France	Smith JEH OSM
Europe	Finland	van der Vyver AV
Europe	Georgia	Heyneke I
Europe	Germany	TBA
Europe	Greece (National G L of)	Markantonis D
Europe	Hungary (Symbolic Lodge of)	Prentzler W
Europe	Iceland	Lötter M
Europe	Italy	Mühlenbeck FMV
Europe	Luxemburg	TBA
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)	TBA
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	Brönnner A
Europe	San Merino	TBA
USA	Alaska	Klein N OSM
USA	Arizona	Rossouw BTA
USA	Arkansas	TBA

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 AV
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 AV
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	TBA
USA	Minnesota	Coetzee FPC OSM
USA	Mississippi	Rhodie AGA
USA	Missouri	Jacobson AI
USA	Montana	TBA
USA	Nebraska	Rhodie AGA
USA	Nevada	Roos PG
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	Brönnner A
USA	Oregon	Topham BR
USA	Pennsylvania	** Do not exchange **
USA	Rhode Island & Providence	Lee CA
USA	South Carolina	Smith JEH OSM
USA	South Dakota	Kotze JH
USA	Tennessee	Lötter 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	TBA
USA	Wyoming	** Do not exchange **

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika

SIXTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL / SIERAAD VIR SESTIG JAAR DIENS					
	Naam van Ontvanger			Losie	Nr.
	Name of Recipient			Lodge	No.
*	Amoils	S		Springbok	87
	Botha	FJ		Diamond	22
*	Bauser	RS	OSM/ODV	Peace & Harmony	11
*	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
	Becker	H		St Jan	6
*	Bell	IM		Alpha	89
*	Bergman	P		Fidelity	34
	Blignaut	HER		Dromedaris	77
	Bloch	S		Benoni Golden Jubilee	76
	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
*	Bronkhorst	C		Sonop	63
	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	OSM/ODV	Kaapstad	81
*	Fiegel	IF		Oranje	7
*	Fourie	GP		Saamwerk	94
*	France	HR		Strelitzia	122
*	Gasson	SR	OSM/ODV	Royal Protea	55
	Germyshuizen	JCM		de Vereniging	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
	Gush	MR		Fidelity	34
*	Haarburger	HH	OSM/ODV	Unie	4
*	Hamilton	CG	OSM/ODV	Theophilus	107
*	Hancke	le R	OSM/ODV	Jacob de Mist	44
	Hekmann	C		Bellville	42
*	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
	Kessler	RJ		de Goede Hoop	1
	Klein	N	OSM/ODV	Jock of the Bushveld	130
*	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
	Meeuwsen	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
	Moroukian	C		Cape Town	138
*	Nestadt	M		Star of the East	28
	Neuhaus	B		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
*	Violett	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 PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER - SOUTHERN DIVISION 2016 / 2017

MW, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all. I welcome each one of you to this Annual General Meeting of the Southern Division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

This year we witnessed a new Grand Master being installed in Johannesburg and I was privileged to take part in this fabulous ceremony. Congratulations to our Grand Lodge for hosting and executing an extremely slick ceremony in front of many dignitaries from Grand Lodges all over the world. MW Bro Dave Duncan (OSM), I look forward to sharing my Masonic journey closely with you during your term in office and have absolutely no doubt that you will not only continue the fantastic work done by your predecessor at Grand Lodge level, but also lead us onwards and upwards as a united Grand Lodge of South Africa.

I would also like to wish our immediate past Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards (OSM), all the very best in his new demanding role as the Grand Secretary - and I know from first-hand experience the level of professionalism and perfection that you will bring to the table in this very important and pivotal position.

I further congratulate RW Bro John Smith (OSM) on his promotion to Deputy Grand Master, and RW Bro Alan van der Vyver on his advancement to Assistant Grand Master.

I thank all my current commissioned officers for your service over the past year and for agreeing to continue and keep this team intact. Wor Bros Evangelos Doucas, Dennis Benadie, Jan Venter and Dawie van Rooyen, it has been an absolute pleasure labouring with each one of you and I sincerely feel that each of you brings your own unique temperaments and skills and passion to the benefit of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

To the hardworking Provincial Grand Lodge officers of this Division I thank you, and congratulate you for your fantastic efforts over the past year. At times, we have been very thin on the ground and as a result many of you have had to attend virtually every installation as well as all other Provincial Grand Lodge commitments. With this said the standard of your performance has never wavered and continues to be of an exceptional standard. Above all else we have enjoyed ourselves and worked as a team. The commitment, enjoyment level, and quality of our ritual work was most evident during our trip to Port Alfred to attend to the installation of RW Bro Keith Hutton as Presiding Master of Lodge de Vereeniging where much praise was received from many quarters for our efforts.

To my Acting Provincial Grand Secretary and soon to be Active PG Secretary a huge vote of

thanks for not only the massive workload that you shoulder, but for the support that you have provided to me as Provincial Grand Master. A crisis was looming in our Division caused by the unanticipated and sudden departure of Wor Bro Andre Engelbrecht. Then like a ray of sunshine Wor Bro Llewellyn Lloyd-Jones gave credence to the saying that "Not always are the heavens clouded, but often the sun most unexpectedly breaks through". Llew you have been and continue to be a ray of sunshine to me, and I thank you.

I am also extremely proud of the much closer working relationships that are developing between the leadership of our Sister Divisions, and I look forward too many more interactions and discussions on how best to serve our relevant Provincial Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of South Africa. RW Bros Frans Roodt, Keith Hutton, Cor van Zyl and Peet Roos, thank you for your attendance here today as well as to the Brethren who have accompanied you on the trip.

The Masonic journey with our Sister Constitutions in this province continues to thrive. RW Bro Jim Duggan, RW Bro Gordon Bergh and Bro Charles Smith of the English, Irish, and Scottish constitutions respectively, I thank you for your support at many of our Division's functions and workings. We also continue to enjoy the company of representatives of our Sister Constitutions at most of our Installation ceremonies and it really is a pleasure to share these evenings with you. Thank you to the leadership and Brethren of our Sister Constitutions for your support of this Provincial Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

The English Constitution in this province has an exciting change ahead with the United Grand Lodge of England appointing a new District Grand Master Designate to be installed in May 2018 and I would like to wish Wor Bro Ernst Malherbe all the very best in this new demanding position. I much look forward to our interactions in the years ahead. RW Bro Jim Duggan, I have greatly enjoyed the short time that I have had to meet and share with you. You have been, and continue to be, a role model to all Freemasons across all Constitutions in this Province, and indeed throughout the country. I wish you, and your family all the very best in all your future endeavours.

The annual inter-constitutional church service was held once again this year, this time in the Dutch Reformed church in Kloof Nek Road, but sadly due to administration requirements over eligibility the Freemasons were not represented at the Remembrance Day memorial. This matter will be addressed with the relevant city representatives.

This Division has shown a small growth in membership over the past year, however it is imperative that we continue to focus on recruitment of new and retention of existing members. In this regard, the Division has hosted three Open evenings for the public, which have been well attended, and I must extend my hearty congratulations to this dedicated team who have learned their work and perform almost the entire ceremony without the use of rituals. Because of you these evenings have been a huge amount of fun to experience. I must also make mention of RW Bro John Smith, and MW Bro Geoff Edwards for the eloquent and polished way they field some tricky questions at the end of the ceremonies.

The Ritual Excellence Program is also underway in the Division with several Brethren taking part and endeavouring to improve the standard of their ritual work. Provincial Grand Lodge has also instituted a few initiatives in the Division such as including an item on Lodge Agendas for the discussion of Protocol and Procedure at Board of Management meetings. This is a short five to ten minute discussion on a relevant topic provided each month by Provincial Grand Lodge. Plans are also underway to provide a sustainable amount of assistance to Lodges who are lacking in certain areas to give them every chance to prosper and grow. The annual Masters and Wardens meeting is being given a revamp to reignite enthusiasm and support, and will take the form of a Provincial Grand Masters dinner this year. A suitable venue is being sourced where the Brethren can hold the meeting whilst spouses and partners will be able to suitably occupy themselves and then join for a dinner and awards ceremony. This way wives and partners will be involved and witness the awards presented.

Last year's Spring Ball was once again a resounding success with a record amount of R210,000 being presented to the Masonic Homes. Although the entire committee really does work hard all year to ensure the success of this event I really must single out RW Bro John Smith as the Chairman, MW Bro Geoff Edwards as the Treasurer and Wor Bro Dennis Benadie for the unbelievable amount of work and effort that they put in to the organisation, magazine, ticket sales, auction prizes and sponsorship respectively. In addition to the before mentioned Brethren I add in RW Bro Avron Jacobsen, Wor Bro Jan Venter, and Wor Bro Llewellyn Lloyd Jones, I salute you all, and it is a pleasure to labour with each of you.

Our Masonic Homes being Desmain Lodge, managed by RW Bro Brian Rossouw, Ted's House managed by RW Bro Ronnie Smith, Andy's House managed by RW Bro Swenny Crofton, Burchell House, managed by Wor Bro Michael Burchell and the Masonic Home for Quadriplegics managed by

Wor Bro Danny Retief, are functioning very well. Well done to all the aforementioned Brethren for the commitment and time that you willingly donate to this project. I must make special mention of RW Bro Brian Rossouw, the Chairman of the Masonic Homes for the absolutely awesome work ethic that he has shown in the restructuring and formalisation of this entity. It has not been an easy road, but RW Bro Rossouw has stuck to his guns and seen us through. As is tradition we hosted a Christmas lunch for the residents of our Homes which was thoroughly entertaining and enjoyed by all.

The extended inter-constitutional Masonic Olympics was instituted this year, with events including Ten pin bowling, a Fishing competition, Potjie kos, Trivia events, Cricket and a darts competition. Our Southern Division is currently sitting in third place after holding second place for a long period. The participants in these various activities have enjoyed every event, and it has done much to promote fraternal bonds between the constitutions. I am certain that this Olympics initiative will grow from strength to strength. I would particularly like to thank Wor Bro Louis van der Linde and Wor Bro Martin Slabbert from the GLSA and Wor Bro Etienne Bester from the Irish Constitution for all the hours and hard work put into the arrangements of these events.

The Provincial Grand Lodge's finances are sound with the General account showing a healthy balance, and with our Treasurer keeping a close watch on our budget and debtors. The benevolent fund is healthy at present, but we must plan and budget for extra demands being placed on this fund. The Benevolent fund is currently paying monthly grants to 5 recipients and I am going to be actively working and focussing on methods to swell Benevolent accounts at Provincial and Lodge level during the year to come.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the immediate past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Avron Jacobson for his assistance over the past year and in particular for all his last-minute help in preparing for this AGM. Avron, much appreciated. I would also like to thank the two senior stalwarts of this Division, namely MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM, and RW Bro John Smith OSM, for their ever-present assistance and support. Finally, a thank you to the new Grand Master for granting me the privilege to lead the Southern Division once again, and Brethren all it is indeed an honour to be allowed to serve you in this capacity.

To all our visitors here today, thank you for sharing this time with us, and please travel back safely to your homes and loved ones.

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RW Bro Tommy Hardiman

9 September 2017

SOUTHERN DIVISION / SUIDELIKE AFDELING

Lodge	Number	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation
de Goede Hoop	1	1772	de Goede Hoop	2nd	Wed	Jun
de Goede Trouw	2	1800	de Goede Hoop	2nd	Tue	Jul
St Jan	6	1867	Paarl	4th	Wed	May
Oranje	7	1867	Paarl	4th	Wed	Jul
de Goede Verwachting	23	1908	de Goede Hoop	3rd	Thu	Aug
Marina	25	1908	de Goede Hoop	3rd	Tue	Sep
Bellville	42	1931	Phiroze Gorralla	1st	Mon	Jun
Westerford	43	1931	de Goede Hoop	1st	Thu	May
Jacob de Mist	44	1931	Phiroze Gorralla	4th	Wed	Oct
Mutual	53	1940	Phiroze Gorralla	3rd	Thu	Nov
Johan van Riebeeck	66	1953	Phiroze Gorralla	3rd	Mon	Feb
Simon van der Stel	101	1968	Phiroze Gorralla	2nd	Mon	Oct
Hiram	108	1971	Phiroze Gorralla	3rd	Tue	Jun
Helderberg	116	1975	Strand	3rd	Thu	May
Perseverance	126	1977	Phiroze Gorralla	1st	Tue	Nov
Cape Town	138	2002	de Goede Hoop	1st	Mon	Dec

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RW Bro Tommy Hardiman, together with RW Bro Jim Duggan (English DGM) and PGL Officers

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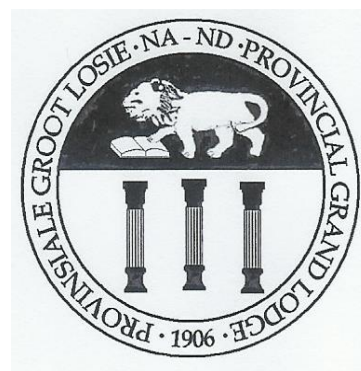
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER - NORTHERN DIVISION 2016 / 2017

Grand Master, MW Brother Geoff Edwards OSM, Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro David Duncan OSM, Grand Lodge Officers, PGMs and members of Sister Divisions, Provincial and District Grand Masters and members of Sister Constitutions, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all.

I welcome you all here today and hope that you have an enjoyable morning with us. It is indeed a pleasure to be able to present my final annual report on what has once again been a very busy and fulfilling year in the Northern Division.

Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge I hand over to my successor today looks a very different one to the one I started with 3 years ago. The number of PGL officers has reduced from 40 Officers (6 were Country members) in 2014 to a mere 30 (with 7 in rural Lodges). This reduction in numbers was brought about by a belief that only appointing those who were willing and in a position to contribute to the work of the Province, would result in better attendance and camaraderie amongst the Officers and this has certainly proved to be the case. The vibrant spirit of the team and the enjoyment we all got out of our labours was wholly evident and often commented on by Brethren within the Division and this is one of the PGL's achievements I am most proud of.

The Lodges in the Division were fortunate to have an average of 13 Officers at each Installation with the officers averaging 65% attendance. Some really made supreme efforts and I must note the excellent attendance of Wor Bro Philip Spitz (95%), the 90% of Wor Bros Ini Akpan and Fred Diener, as well as the 85% of Wor Bros Sarel Mulder, Simon Nash and Pat du Toit.

There are many activities and pleasant tasks I am going to miss in not being the PGM of this great Division, but the support, camaraderie and fellowship of the officers will without doubt be the hardest. To each and every one of "my" officers, I thank you for your sterling efforts, the manner in which you have performed your duties and your support which has made the challenging task of running this Division so much more pleasurable.

In particular, I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Peet Roos and the Commissioned Officers who have labored so diligently this past year. To the Officers who are receiving promotions today, congratulations and I wish you all the best in your new positions. To Wor Bros Simon Nash and Godfrey Place, a hearty congratulations to you both for your well-deserved appointments as

Commissioned Officers. I have no doubt that you will perform the duties required of you with aplomb and diligence and be a credit to this Division. I would also like to congratulate Wor Bro Gavin Mackintosh who steps down this morning as an APGM, but will be invested as a GL Officer this afternoon. Gavin, we have travelled this Masonic path together for so many years and I am thrilled that the Grand Master Elect has seen fit to appoint you to the very deserved office of Grand Master of Ceremonies. To my successor and friend, VW Bro Petrus Gysbertus Roos, your appointment to the office of PGM is very well deserved and I wish you and all your officers all the very best in the coming years. Our close working relationship over the past three years has resulted in us becoming close friends and the fact that we managed this without a single falling out is perhaps more down to your skills and patience than mine and I am sure you will make a great success of your term in office. Although you well know it, I once again assure you of my wholehearted support in any way you may require, and on those days when 'herding the cats' becomes a heavy burden, you will have my attentive ear and shoulder to lean on.

Financial:

A great debt of gratitude is owed to Wor Bro Simon Nash for his tireless efforts in ensuring that not only the finances of the PGL remain healthy, but that the accounts are accurate and the budgets are adhered to. As a result the finances of the Division remain very strong and we have not only, with minimal increases in the Capitation fees, met all our commitments but managed to show a small surplus. Wor Bro Nash will expand more hereon during his Treasurer's report.

Charity:

The PGL assists several recipients of Masonic Grants through our contributions combined with those of the Transvaal Inter Constitutional Masonic Charities to aid them in difficult times. There were several further Charitable initiatives, notably a contribution to the MSC for their blanket drive, and the commitment to sponsor one feeding day a month for Walking Tall with Pride, a registered NGO, that feeds several hundred people once a week in the Southern Suburbs.

I am particularly proud of the Division (and Wor Bro Simonh Nash for driving this) in raising over R40,000 in one weekend for our Blanket drive, thus ensuring several hundred people had warm blankets for the cold Highveld nights.

Administration:

Wor Bro George Potgieter has again proved to be invaluable to this Division with his management of all matter administrative. On more than one occasion when phoning to query an issue, I was wearily informed it had long been dealt with and I was far behind the times. Lodges are now, by and large, submitting their returns, agendas and other required administration documents on time making the PGL's task much easier. The management of our membership remains under the direction of RW Bro Janse van Rensburg and his task will be greatly simplified when the new GrandView membership system is finally unveiled. My undying gratitude to both these exceptionally devoted Masons must be expressed.

Membership:

The Division is growing in actual Masons but membership in the Division remains fairly constant as we continue to try and reduce unnecessary duplicate memberships, which merely dilutes the effectiveness of members.

I am very pleased to observe that the younger Masons within the Division are forging strong bonds of friendship across Lodges which I believe will assist us greatly in our retention. Lodges who play together, stay together!!

The emphasis in this Division, and indeed across the whole Order, must now focus on retention of our members if we are to survive.

Lodges:

Lodges that are growing are doing so at a more than satisfactory rate but there are too many Lodges that seem to be in the doldrums as far as membership goes. Whilst we as PGL might be willing to assist these Lodges, it is their members that need to step up and save it.

In general the Lodges in the Division are doing well with a great spirit and high rate of workings or discussions. We have unfortunately seen the close of Lodge Germania this year due to lack of membership and attendance. Country Lodges seem to be improving with Losie Trichardt initiating new members and Lodge Star of the West continuing to shoot the lights out.

As I warned the previous PGM of the Central Division, I make the same comment to the current one, who is a member of Lodge Star of the West "this Lodge is, and always will be a part of the Northern Division!!"

Sister Divisions:

I would like to thank the PGMs and members of the Sister Divisions who have attended today. The cooperation and friendship between the Divisions continues to grow and I look forward to this trend continuing. Congratulations to RW Bro Cor van Zyl on his appointment as PGM of Central

Division and I wish you a long and happy tenure - unless of course you meddle with our Lodges!!

Sister Constitutions:

The relationship between the Northern Division and Sister Constitutions has grown even stronger and continues to improve.

The strong bonds between us were further strengthened during a presentation of "What is Freemasonry" when the Sister Constitutions were invited to join and we filled this very Temple with 270 guests and Masons to put on a display which will be talked about for a long time and could only improve our image and brand.

Furthermore, the formal interaction and communication through the TIMC is a positive influence on the relationship and the informal heads of Constitution's lunch continues to allow us to share ideas and resolve any issues that may have arisen. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your unfailing support and friendship over the past year and I hope this strong bond will continue to grow under my successor.

Conclusion:

Brethren I have, over the years, been privileged to have held several positions of leadership or management, in the sports, business and social environments, but the appointment as PGM of this Division is without doubt the one I consider to be the greatest honour and the one I am most proud of. Nothing would please me more than to remain in this office for several more years but after three years of averaging 12 nights a month on Masonic duty, my responsibilities to my family and business must take precedence and I therefore pass over the best office there is in the GLSA to a worthy successor.

I have followed in the footsteps of some men whom I hold in the highest regard and who have been great mentors to me, namely MW Bro Ben Lindeque, MW Bro Watty Watson and of course my mentor and self-adopted father, RW Bro David Duncan. A sincere regret is that my late father RW Bro Viv van der Vyver was not here to see me take this office, although I certainly did not miss the constant stream of comment I would most certainly have received from him. I sincerely hope that my efforts would have and have met with his approval and approbation.

During this time, neither myself nor my Executive shied away from taking tough or controversial decisions and although they weren't always popular, I can assure you all they were taken believing them to be in the best interests of the Division and Order.

I must offer my humble gratitude to the Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM, and the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro David Duncan OSM, for allowing me to run the Division with

advice and counsel, not instruction. To the Grand Master Elect, I thank you for permitting me to continue to serve both you and the Grand Lodge in a new role and I can assure you that I will always continue to give you my best.

I must thank my colleagues of the Sister Divisions for their unconditional support and I have no doubt the new PGM will receive the same. I look very forward to continuing to interact with this very close group, but in a different role. Just a warning Peet, when it's time to leave, you will not find a more ruthless group!!

To the Heads of our Sister Constitutions, I cannot express how much I have enjoyed our interaction and working together. I have often been the recipient of wise counsel and emerged out of these relationships a wiser and stronger Mason. We have most certainly Brought the Constitutions far closer together and I believe that this is to the benefit of Freemasonry in general. May this close working relationship long continue.

To all the members of the Northern Division, I thank you all for your support and your efforts

over the past 3 years that have seen this Division grow and prosper. To have served you for this time has been an immense privilege and joy. I have made many friends, created some great memories and although I will no longer lead, I will always be a part of this fantastic Division.

To my wife, Emma and children who have had to put up with so many nights alone, I thank you all for allowing me to have been able to dedicate so much of our time to doing what I love. There is every chance that after a few months of me being home for more one or two nights a week, you might well approach the Grand Master and ask him to give me some work.

The final comment I have to make Brethren, is that today I hope that I hand over a Provincial Grand Lodge which is stronger and better than the one I received.

SMIB

RW Bro Alan van der Vyver

8 July 2017

ADDRESS BY THE NEWLY INSTALLED PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, RW BRO PETRUS GYSBERTUS ROOS

Introduction

1. This undoubtedly is one of the most humbling highlights on my journey through life. Allow me the opportunity to thank the Most High for his blessings, guidance and support throughout my life. I am honoured to have been chosen to fill this position and for that please accept my humblest thanks and gratitude. My sincere thanks go to the present Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM, who, advised by his Executive, formally appointed me as Provincial Grand Master.
2. Attitude is a very small thing but it makes the world of a difference. During my journey I came across RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM who, by setting the example, taught me what great values there is in maintaining and displaying the right attitude in life. For his guidance and support and for the part that he played in preparing me and shaping me on my Masonic journey, I will always be most grateful. My humblest thanks for the role that he played in my Masonic life, always the perfect gentleman and always inspiring and praising. My wish is that he will enjoy a most prosperous and fulfilling term as the new Grand Master of the GLSA. The successes that RW Bro Duncan has achieved are a perfect example of his attitude and positive focus he maintained and displays in life.

3. To my predecessor, RW Bro Alan van der Vyver, my sincere thanks to you for the faith that you placed in me. You allowed me every opportunity to excel during my term as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Thank you for your guidance and your support and the part that you played in me being appointed to this position. I am most grateful to you for this and I wish you a prosperous new journey as Assistant Grand Master.
4. Brethren I thank you all and I salute you.

Reason

5. Everything in life exists or happens for a certain reason. Some things happen spontaneously and in most cases cannot be controlled by man while in other cases things mostly happens voluntarily. Human actions can be controlled through proper planning and the success thereof is mostly directly linked to the degree of focus that is maintained on the goal. The fact still remains, that all actions have a reason but people do things in life for various reasons. The question is, is the intention of humans always in line with the reason, the purpose, the goal why things should be done.
6. The reason why things should happen is the constant and all other reasons why people do things or take part in activities are variables.

The main goal should therefore be to endeavour to get the variables as close as possible to the constant so that we are able to achieve maximum effectiveness.

7. The main reason why people fail is their absence to focus on the goal, and rather to focus on the reason.

Successful Lodges

8. **Goals.** For maximum success the reason, the purpose, the **goal**, must always be established. Secondly, to be successful, a positive **attitude** should be maintained while staying **focused** on the goals, vision and mission.

9. **Vision.** The vision of the PGL Northern Division is, **“To Create a Favourable Environment Which will be Conducive to Promoting Growth in Membership and to Retain Current Members”**. This Vision should also be the Vision of the different Lodges under the PGL Northern Division. For any Lodge to be able to support this Vision, each Lodge should be a happy Lodge with participating members who has a thorough knowledge of delegated duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the PGL ND. The focus points of this vision are therefore to, **“make the Lodge a happy place where existing members will be retained and motivated to enable positive growth within the Lodge.”**

10. **Favourable Environment (Happy Place).**

There are various factors which bear influence on the attitude of the Lodge. For maximum success, each Lodge should be a **happy place** where there is harmony amongst Brethren. When there is a positive spirit amongst the Brethren of the Lodge, the focus can be set on positive and continuous **growth**. The existence of a healthy spirit will contribute towards the **retention** of existing members. Through supporting these goals each Lodge will be able to support the Vision of the PGL Northern Division. To support these goals, Lodges should be managed through the principle of applying certain objectives.

11. **Happy Place.** Each Lodge must be like a second home, a place where people would like to be. To create such an environment the endeavour of each Lodge should be to create maximum satisfaction amongst members. To achieve ultimate satisfaction there should be **challenges** whereby members could, through **involvement, participation, and commitment** be **stimulated and motivated** through the **achievement** of a certain level of

excellence. To live up to the Challenge of excellence, members should be encouraged to participate in the **Ritual Excellence Program**. Each Lodge should have an effective channel of **communication** between members, between Lodges as well as with the PGL. Effective communication is and will always be the backbone of a successful organisation.

12. **Planning.** Failing to plan is planning to fail. Each Lodge should have a **plan** in place for each Masonic year. These plans should include the Goals and objectives that each Lodge plan to achieve during the year. Plans should also include medium and long term planning. Through effective planning and proper **communication**, all members will always be informed of their duties and responsibilities which **contribute** to the Lodge becoming a **Happy Place** where people **want** to be.
13. **Family Members.** To support the goal of making the Lodge a Happy Place where people want to belong, the members of the families should be **involved**. Through this, partners could be encouraged to feel more positive about their spouses being part of the Order. Lodge members will have more support from their partners which will **satisfy** them more and **motivate** them more to actively **participate** in the **achievement** of the goals of the Lodge, ultimately supporting the goals of the PGL.
14. **Recruitment.** To **recruit** new members each Lodge should on its own accept the responsibility and apply the initiative of introducing the Order to the broader public through proper **Public Relations Initiatives**. This can be done by hosting **events** during which the profane can be introduced to what Freemasonry is about. **Publicity and Public Relations** should form an integral part of each Lodge's strategy and planning.
15. **Plans of Action.** Lodges should have plans in place for growth within the Lodge. To assist Lodges with growth, the **"What is Freemasonry"** program of the PGL is there assist them with informative presentations to members of the public (potential members of the Order). Lodges must, however, participate positively on their own with recruitment campaigns by advertising in local papers and inviting friends, business partners and family members to attend these presentations.
16. **Retention.** The effective retention of members is dependent on the level of

motivation, satisfaction and stimulation of members through **participation** and **involvement**. Each member of the Lodge should be **educated** concerning their tasks and responsibilities.

17. **Mentoring.** New members should be **mentored** and **educated**, not only about their Lodges but about the entire Order of Freemasonry, its **Aims** and its **Objectives**. No Lodge can operate effectively without each member having a thorough **knowledge** of his individual role inside the Lodge, what is expected from the Lodge and its members concerning its tasks and responsibilities, internally towards each other as well as externally towards the PGL and in its turn, towards the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

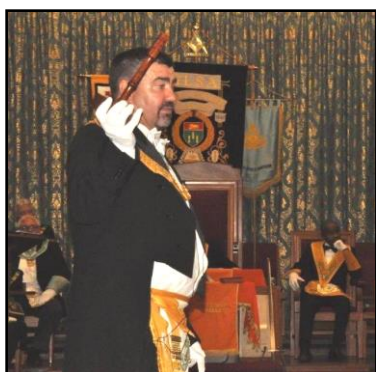
Conclusion

18. The statement, “you cannot teach an old dog new tricks”, will most certainly be one of the major challenges to be faced in turning the

Northern Division away from old habits and introducing new principles. This will be possible by **commitment, involvement, motivation, enlightenment and mentoring** of existing members. Introducing new challenges by means of which new levels of excellence can be achieved might stimulate members to **participate** more positively and become more **motivated** to introduce changes for the better enhancement of the Order. Through proper **planning**, with a positive **attitude**, staying **focussed** and by applying **discipline** according to a set of **goals and objectives**, the Northern Division will be able to make a paradigm shift and move forward into an ever more prosperous future.

SMIB

RW Bro Peet Roos



Wor Bro Godfrey Place



Wor Bro Simon Nash



Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling

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Aurora	8	1868	Pretoria	2nd	Tue	Feb	
Orange	12	1878	Rustenburg	3rd	Thu	Apr	3rd Sat
Star of The Rand	15	1889	Park Lane	3rd	Tue	Mar	
Libertas	16	1890	Krugersdorp	4th	Wed	Jun	
De Broederband	17	1892	Pretoria	3rd	Wed	Feb	
Prins Frederik	19	1894	Park Lane	4th	Tue	Jun	
Star Of East	28	1920	Boksburg North	4th	Tue	May	
Star of The West	56	1948	Klerksdorp	4th	Tue	Mar	2nd Sat
Albert J Haak	60	1951	Roodepoort	1st	Fri	Nov	
M W Pretorius	62	1951	Carletonville	3rd	Wed	Oct	2nd Sat
Sonop	63	1952	Boksburg	2nd	Wed	Jan	
Star Of North	64	1952	Pietersburg	4th	Thu	Feb	4th Sat
President Burgers	70	1954	Pretoria	1st	Wed	Aug	
Golden City	75	1956	Orange Grove	3rd	Thu	Aug	
Koh -I- Noor	79	1957	Pretoria	1st	Mon	Dec	
Vaalrivier	84	1958	Pretoria	4th	Mon	Oct	
Alpha	89	1962	Orange Grove	1st	Tue	Feb	
Friendship	95	1963	Orange Grove	4th	Wed	Oct	
Trichardt	106	1970	Kinross	2nd	Thu	Jan	3rd Sat
Brits	110	1972	Brits	2nd	Thu	Sep	1st Sat
The Rising Star	129	1983	Cullinan	3rd	Mon	Oct	1st Sat
Jock of the Bushveld	130	1983	Nelspruit	2nd	Sat	Jul	2nd Sat
Flaming Star	139	2005	Orange Grove	3rd	Mon	Apr	

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PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER SE JAARVERSLAG - SENTRALE AFDELING 2016 / 2017

MW Grand Master, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all.

Graag wil ek eerstens die geleentheid gebruik om almal hier teenwoordig welkom te heet. Dit is vir die Sentrale Afdeling werklik 'n groot voorreg om die dag saam met u deur te bring. Ons dank aan die DOBVOH wat u veilig by u bestemming uitbring het en weer 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 vir my voorwaar 'n groot voorreg om die jaarverslag van die Sentrale Afdeling aan u voor te hou. 'n Groot dankie aan elkeen wat deel gehad het aan die verrigtinge daaraan verbonde. 'n Besondere woord van dank aan my Gedeputeerde, sowel as my Assistent wat my so goed bygestaan het gedurende die jaar. Dit was net wonderlik om saam met julle te kon saamwerk.

As ek terugkyk na 2016, staan ek nederig voor die Opperboumeester van die Heelal. Elke jaar bou ons op verwagtinge en bly ons altyd hoopvol dat daar hoogtepunte sal wees en dat die beplanning sal uitwerk. Maar soos ons weet bestaan die lewe uit hoogtepunte, sowel as laagtepunte. Die groot geheim bly egter om altyd te soek na iets positiefs wat jy kan leer uit teleurstellings Verleenthede word gewoonlik goeie geleenthede. Positiewe gesindhede kan ook bydra tot sukses en groei. Broederliefde, geduld, respek en verdraagsaamheid is die sleutel tot sukses. Ek bespreek graag van die hoogtepunte van 2016.

The Chains Conference is held each year in Bloemfontein and is hosted by Central Division. It is always well supported by the Brethren of the other Divisions. After the meeting on Saturday, we all enjoy a wonderful function with plenty of Brotherly camaraderie. The "Vrystaat-Braai" was well attended by both the Brethren and their spouses in 2016. Thank you for the support!

Nog 'n hoogtepunt was die besoek aan Losie Makalanie in Julie 2016. Ons was goed verteenwoordig deur broers van Provinsie. Die samesyn op die pad asook tydens die besoek het dit die moeite werd gemaak en kon ons mekaar op 'n ander manier beter leer ken. Ons kuier in Windhoek en spesifiek Grootfontein was gekenmerk deur gasvryheid. Wat 'n wonderlike getuigenis van broederliefde!

Nog 'n voorbeeld van goeie ondersteuning was ons besoek aan Port Elizabeth. Dankie aan al die broers van die Provinsie vir die bywoning en ondersteuning. Dit was ook 'n belewenis.

Soos gemeld het ons ook 'n paar verwagtinge gehad wat nie ten volle gerealiseer het nie. Ons lede getalle bly ongeveer dieselfde as die vorige jaar. Die ledelyste is bygewerk en onaktiewe lede is verwyder. Daar is 'n aantal jong nuwe lede aangestel en dit maak dat die getalle ongeveer onveranderd gebly het. Dit help nie om te werk op 'n onrealistiese lys nie.

Die Losiegeboue is oor die algemeen oud en kort gedurig herstelwerk. Dit was dan ook op die beplanningslys en daar is wel aandag gegee daaraan. Die bouplanne vir die oprigting van 'n woonstel op die perseel van Losie Senekal is ook nou goedgekeur en ons beplan om nog in die jaar (2017) te begin met die oprigting.

Die finansies van die Sentrale Afdeling word goed hanteer en is kerngesond. Ons finansiële posisie van die afgelope 8 jaar het radikaal verander en ek is trots met wat ons bereik het tot nou.

Die wyse Prediker sê dat daar 'n tyd is om te begin en 'n tyd om te eindig. So het my tyd ook aangebreek dat ek die leisels as Provinsiale Grootmeester van die Sentrale Afdeling oorgee. Dit is ook my wens dat my opvoegler, Agb Br Cor van Zyl, ongekende sukses sal behaal. Ek wil hom verseker van beide my asook al die broers se volle ondersteuning. Baie geluk met jou aanstelling!

Aan my gedeputeerde, Agb Br Frans Appelgryn, wil ek 'n besondere woord van dank en waardering uitspreek. Jou werkings op die vloer is puik!

Ek wil ook my bedank betuig aan Agb Br Marcel de Kock vir ekstra myl wat hy altyd bereid is om te loop. Ons almal weet dat jy 'n reuse werk vir die afdeling doen.

Maar so ook my dank aan elke ander Broer in die Sentrale Afdeling. Ons is soos een groot legkaart – elkeen se deeltjie maak 'n volledige prentjie. Baie dankie vir julle ondersteuning gedurende my termyn as Provinsiale Grootmeester.

Ek wil ook my dank betuig teenoor my vrou Chrissie. Haar ondersteuning en opofferinge het gehelp dat ek die pad met sukses kon loop.

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

SMIB / MDSW

SV Br / RW Bro Alf Bröner
4 March 2017

**TOESPRAAK DEUR DIE PAS BEVESTIGDE PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER,
RW BRO COR VAN ZYL**

SV Br Alf Brönnner het diep spore in hierdie Provinsie getrap. Ons bedank hom en wens hom ook alle sterkte toe vir sy nuwe posisie as Assistent Grootmeester. Dit is vir my 'n groot eer en voorreg om as die nuwe Provinsiale Grootmeester verkies te word. Dit is 'n nuwe uitdaging wat my baie moed gee. Daar lê vir ons groot werk voor, maar met 'n puik span Provinsiale amptenare is dit maklik. Die gees is "GREAT" en ek vertrou dat elkeen wat 'n posisie beklee in hierdie Divisie sy beste sal gee om van hierdie Provinsie 'n groot sukses te maak. Iemand het my onlangs herinner aan die volgende lewenswaarheid nl: "the pack makes the wolf and the wolf makes the pack" en met hierdie gesindheid sien ek 'n toekoms. Die verlede is altyd in verlede en ons kan niks daaraan verander nie, maar wat ons nou doen bepaal ons toekoms. Dankie vir elkeen se

ondersteuning en ek sien uit na 'n toekoms saam met julle.

Let me leave you with some wise words:

"Every now and again take a good look at something not made with hands - a mountain, a star, the turn of a stream. There will come to you WISDOM and patience and solace and, above all, the assurance that you are not alone in the world." - Sidney Lovett.

"We don't need more STRENGTH or more ability or greater opportunity. What we need is to use what we have." - Basil S Walsh

"The BEAUTY of the sunbeam lies partly in the fact that God does not keep it; he gives it away to us all." - David Swing

MDSW

RW Bro Cor van Zyl

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Unie	4	1864	Bloemfontein	2nd	Thu	Sep	
De Morgenster	9	1870	Kroonstad	3rd	Thu	Jul	
Peace & Harmony	11	1873	Kimberley	1st	Sat	Jan	10 am
Diamond	22	1907	Koffiefontein	2nd	Sat	Oct	10 am
Senekal	27	1914	Senekal	2nd	Wed	Jun	
Parys	30	1922	Parys	Last	Thu	Oct	
Central Free State	35	1923	Welkom	4th	Wed	May	
Dagreek	45	1932	Bloemfontein	1st	Thu	Feb	
Bultfontein	123	1977	Bultfontein	2nd	Tue	Aug	

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Wor Bro / Agb Br Bill Murphy



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER - EASTERN DIVISION 2016 / 2017

The Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM; the Assistant Grand Masters, RW Bro John Smith OSM and RW Bro Victor Mühlenbeck; Provincial Grand Masters from our Sister Divisions; RW Bro Alf Bronner, Central Division, RW Bro Avron Jacobson, Southern Division, RW Bro Alan van der Vyver, Northern Division, and RW Bro Keith Hutton from the Eastern Cape Division, Distinguished Representatives from the Sister Constitutions - RW Bro Anthony Strong DGM English Constitution, RW Bro Dave G Patton, PGM Irish Constitution and RW Bro Peter F Sutherland, DGM Scottish Constitution; , RW Brethren and Brethren: I welcome you to our 40th Annual General Meeting. I am truly honoured by your presence and thank you for the sacrifices you made to be here today. Some of you have travelled a great distance to be here, thereby just reaffirming your commitment to Freemasonry.

General:

As you are aware this Division is one of the youngest and smallest Divisions in the GLSA and we experience the same challenges faced by the other Divisions and Constitutions in these modern times and this economic climate. Membership numbers remain a challenge and the growing demand for charity is a stark reality. Our membership figures have increased marginally from last year. We again pledge our support to the Grand Lodge initiatives to help the numbers grow.

It is with great sadness that we had to transfer RW Bro Doug Kirton and RW Bro Charlie Inggs to the Grand Lodge above. They were well loved Bros and friends. RW Bro Kirton's early death came as a great shock to our Division, as was that of RW Bro Inggs. Their presence in Lodge Isandlwana and Lodge Theophilus as well as the greater Freemason community will be greatly missed. We pray that TGAOTU keeps his hand over their families.

Lodges in the Division

Lodge Meerensee turned 41 in 2016 and is keeping the Masonic Flame alive and active in Northern Zululand, performed a Second Working. Wor Bro Eugene Rawstone remains one of the founding members and we thank him for his service to Freemasonry for so many years.

Lodge First United retains their star status in the Division and their recruitment remains active. They initiated a candidate and a second candidate is in the pipeline. They raised a Brother and passed a second Brother.

Lodge Isandlwana the new Wor Master Wayne Johnstone was Installed yesterday evening at the NMR Masonic Complex.

Lodge Dromedaris remains active in the Midlands and has an Apprentice working scheduled for the near future. They have had three resignations after some turmoil in the Lodge, but they have turned the corner and are looking forward to a brighter future.

Lodge Mngeni remains steadfast and active. They have had two resignations and 2 Initiations as well as 2nd degree working. A 3rd degree is planned in the near future. There are also 2 applications in the pipeline.

Lodge Neerlandia is our oldest Lodge in the Division and all the senior Brethren are members. The process as reported before is ongoing and the Lodge has taken hold of its new role in 2017. The Lodge have tabled a motion to revert from being a Past Masters Lodge to becoming a Lodge of Instruction. The PGL have called on all Past and reigning Masters to participate in this new structure in which the role and function of a Lodge Mentor will be their objective. As the members of this Lodge are drawn from across the Lodges within the Division, the mentorship role will be extended into the Lodges and we will use this mechanism to enhance the province's education. In addition to this, other craft members have applied to join the Lodge to benefit from this process.

Lodge Theophilus remains a concern, The death of RW Bro Inggs has left a large void in this Lodge. He was a well respected and loved past PGM of our Division as well as the local Sister Constitutions. The Lodge initiated another member. There is a great working relationship between the Sister Constitutions which keeps Freemasonry alive on the South Coast.

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

Distinguished Members in the Division:

This Division is honoured with 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, Assistant GM and Honorary member Lodge Isandlwana;

RW Bro Victor Mühlenbeck, Assistant GM,

RW Bro Piet Coetzee, OSM, Past Assistant GM and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of South Africa,

RW Bro George Schuitemaker, OSM, Past Assistantt GM and Webmaster,

RW Bro Neville Klein, OSM, Grand Almoner.

Wor Bro Rodney Schreuder, Assistant Grand Superintendent, Northern Division,

Wor Bro Wayne Johnson, Deputy District Grand Mark Master, and then 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 Basil de Kock, thank you for your continuous support and friendship. You have represented me on 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 year. There are not a lot promotions this year as we decided to keep most of the PGL Brethren in their Office for the next year. I welcome and congratulate the appointed PGL Officers in their existing or new positions and I know that I can count on your support.

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 Bro and I thank you for all your hard work as well as your friendship. Bro Marais, your support here as well as in the other branches of Freemasonry is appreciated and I am overjoyed with your inclusion into our PGL ranks.

Sister Divisions

There is a good relationship between the Divisions as is evident in the their presence here today. We will continue to assist the other Divisions in their establishing of their own Lodges with Military interest.

Sister Constitutions.

There is a good relationship between all the Constitutions. Visits occur on a frequent basis and there are 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 van der Merwe is currently the chairman.

Charity

We once again participated in the Christmas Hamper project through our involvement in Masonic Services. Lodge First United had several fund raising projects and Lodge Dromedaris is also actively involved in charity events in the Pietermaritzburg area.

Finances.

Thanks to the expertise of Wor 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 2016 which were passed on to Grand Lodge.

Education.

We have an educational masterpiece in our Book of Life and I emphasize my request to 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 again and offers his vast knowledge and experience to all of us.

AASR and RA

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

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 continue 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 also 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.

Brethren, join me in this journey in 2017 and continue to assist me in creating a lasting legacy for our Division and our Order.

SMIB

RW Bro Frans Roodt

6 May 2017

Note: As RW Bro Roodt was hospitalised at the time of the meeting, this report was read, on his behalf, by Wor Bro Basil de Kock.

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling as at December 2017

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

Lodge	Master	Secretary	Tel	
Neerlandia	Janse van Rensburg R	Schreuder R	082 7861410	vistero@telkomsa.net
Dromedaris	Jennings A	Mckelvey B	076 8912058	ooalorgza@gmail.com
Theophilus	Futter G	Scholtz E	083 4559651	erics@xsinet.co.za
Meerensee	Nel G	Ezeudji I	073 5620926	Ezeudji3@yahoo.com
Mngeni	Coertze S	Schreuder R	082 7861410	vistero@telkomsa.net
First United	de Kock B	Matthee C	083 2526966	cematthee@gmail.com
Isandlwana	Johnston W	Muhlenbeck V	082 4515057	muhlenbeck@iafrica.com



At the Lodge Isandlwana Installation



RW Bro Neville Klein OSM received a 50 year jewel



With the "Defending the Colours" bronze statuette



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER -
EASTERN CAPE DIVISION 2016 / 2017

Introduction

I have been a PGM for exactly 1 year and although it has been a long hard battle we are eventually seeing the fruits of our labours. It was essential that we began the rebuilding of the Eastern Cape Division and put aside some of the old fashioned and well ingrained attitudes that were not in sympathy with the new and vibrant South Africa. By and large this new approach has been enthusiastically accepted by all Brethren and has strengthened the Masonic bond amongst the membership.

The Province

The Province has successfully Installed the Masters of Bartholomew Diaz, Tolerance, de Vereeniging, Sonheuwel and Royal Protea this year and great Masonic fellowship was in evidence during these ceremonies, The highlight's of the year were clearly the Consecration of Losie Sonheuwel and the Installation of Lodge de Vereeniging for the very first time in its new home of Port Alfred. Two extraordinary and unique events in the

same year has done a great deal to raise the profile of the Eastern Cape Division. The relocation of Lodge de Vereeniging in April was well supported by local Brethren and the Southern Division Installation team under the direction of RW Bro Tommy Hardiman as Installing Officer did a sterling job and brought great dignity to proceedings. RW Bro Dave Duncan OSM was in attendance with RW Bro John Smith OSM, RW Bro Vic Mulhenbeck and RW Bro Avron Jacobsen and we should never underestimate the positive effect that Grand Lodge brings whenever they are present. In June, on St John's Day, we had the Consecration of Losie Sonheuwel. This was a very well attended and unique event and MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM officiated over the Consecration which brought 15 new members to the Eastern Cape Division. Both occasions were concluded with well organised banquets which were well attended and extremely successful.

A golf day was held at Walmer Golf Club to raise funds for the victims of the Eastern

Cape fires. I have attended the Installation of Sister Constitution Lodges whenever practical, with attendance at the English Installations of St Francis, Good Hope, Goodwill and Algoa Lodges, Bon Accord, Caledonia and Kudu Scottish Lodges as well as Donegal under the Irish Constitution.

The Lodges

The individual Lodges are the backbone of Freemasonry and no Provincial administration can ever be successful if not supported by the Lodges and the Brethren. The Eastern Cape Division has changed in attitude and commitment over the last two years and this has been the reason for the growth we are now experiencing. Tolerance has grown significantly and has had 8 new members in the last twelve months who have been initiated into the Craft. This type of growth is not without its problems and running a Lodge of 18 members with 7 Master Masons, 6 of which are past Masters has put pressure on the experienced Brethren who have all responded

as Masons should. De Vereeniging has risen from the ashes and is thriving in its new home of Port Alfred having had a successful Installation in April and since initiating its first Apprentice in Port Alfred. Sonheuwel was consecrated in June and is adapting well to the changes joining the GLSA has imposed on its members. Bartholomew Diaz and Royal Protea are stable and enthusiastic Lodges and effort will be put into growing these Lodges in the future. Fidelity has been in the doldrums of late and with escalating costs and a dwindling ageing membership its future looks bleak.

I thank Grand Lodge for their tireless support during my first year in office and the encouragement and support I received from the Brethren of the Eastern Cape Division. United we will continue to grow and develop Freemasonry within this Province.

SMIB

RW Bro Keith Hutton

11 November 2017

Eastern Cape Division / Ooskaap Afdeling

Lodge	No.	Founded	Location	Meeting	Week	Installation	Special
de Vereeniging	3	1834	Port Alfred	Sat	4th	April	
Fidelity	34	1925	Port Elizabeth	Mon	3rd	Oct	3rd Sat
Royal Protea	55	1948	East London	Thu	4th	Nov	1st Sat
Bartholomeus Diaz	72	1954	Port Elizabeth	Wed	4th	May	1st Sat
Tolerance	142	2015	Port Elizabeth	Mon	1st	Jul	1st Sat
Sonheuwel	143	2017	Port Elizabeth	Tue	2nd	Jun	4th Sat

Lodge	Master	Secretary	Contact	e-mail
de Vereeniging	Hutton K	West P	084 5314037	paul@gilbertchemicals.com
Fidelity	Kirwin K	van Vuuren N	083 4535900	nowellyn@jeno.co.za
Royal Protea	van der Merwe H	Tabanelli V	084 8118909	victabanelli@telkomsa.net
Bartholomeus Diaz	Billson A	van Vuuren N	083 4535900	nowellyn@jeno.co.za
Tolerance	Hetherington I	West P	084 5314037	paul@gilbertchemicals.com
Sonheuwel	Stander D	Gilmer R	072 6255550	ricgillmer@icon.co.za



The "new" Lodge de Vereeniging - now in Port Alfred



Losie Sonheuwel

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



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VAN SUID AFRIKA**

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First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal



Most Excellent Companion / Seer Verhewe Metgesel
Johannes Jacobus Britz

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M Ex Comp / SV Metg John Smith OSM / ODV**



**Second Grand Principal /
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M Ex Comp / SV Metg Graham Sumner**



**Derde Grootprinsipaal /
Third Grand Principal
M Ex Comp / SV Metg Bernard Neuhaus**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL
JAARVERSLAG VAN DIE GROOT EERSTE PRINSIPAAL
10TH JUNE 2017**



Welcome

MW Grand Master, M Ex Comps, Comps all. Welcome to this 48th Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa. Your presence is very much appreciated.

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

Obituaries

During the year under review several Comps departed to the Eternal East. We mourn with their families. Please rise and turn to the East for a minute of silence.

Grand Lodge

I must mention that to us as Royal Arch Masons, the relationship with our Grand Lodge is of great importance. It is my pleasure to report that the excellent relationship between the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa continued under our present Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM.

On the 8th July 2017 a new Grand Master will be installed and I know that the relationship will continue.

Provincial Grand Chapters

The Grand Superintendents are the liaisons between the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Chapters in the respective Divisions. It is up to the Grand Superintendent to see to the well-being of the Chapters and to ensure that they work in accordance with the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa.

Both Grand Superintendents have excelled in their duties and I must congratulate them on their performance. Installation ceremonies were invariably conducted with a wonderful spirit of Companionship and high standards were set.

Installations were regularly attended by Supreme Grand Chapter and I want to thank the

Grand Superintendents for the hospitality with which we were received.

Once again thank you for your donations towards the annual Spring Ball. These donations are making a real difference and are well noted.

The Northern Division had a Bosberaad which I was invited to attend. Our good ladies were also invited and their presence did contribute to a wonderful weekend. During this session positive contributions were made by members of the Provincial team. I want to thank M Ex Comp Kotze for arranging this event, which was long overdue and much needed.

M Ex Comp Brian Carsten had requested to be relinquished from his position as Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division and this was granted, M Ex Comp Dawie van Rooyen, Past Grand Treasurer, was appointed in this position and will be Installed during the Southern Division's Annual Convocation in September 2017.

Kapittel

Die oorgrote meerderheid van lede word gewerf vanaf die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika. Wanneer n lid die vaklosie bedank is hy outomaties ook verlore vir Koninklike gewelf. Van die Kapittels groei goed en ander Kapittels nie so goed nie.

Die plattelandse Kapittels kry swaar deurdadig die vaklosies in daardie gebied ook nie genoegsame lede het nie maar almal is bereid om die ekstra myl te loop om te verseker dat hulle Kapittels wel voortbestaan.

Lidmaatskap is nie net n probleem in Suid Afrika nie maar n wêreld wye tendens. Ek doen dus n beroep op almal hier teenwoordig om Metgesele te stimuleer sodat hulle dit geniet om Konvokasies en vergaderings by te woon. Persoonlike geskille hoort nie in ons Orde nie.

In die Oos Kaap het Kapittel Fiat Lux na Port Alfred toe geskuif sodat die metgeselle van Oos Londen ook Koninklike vergaderings/konvokasies

kan bywoon want die Kapittel te Oos Londen moes sluit weens n tekort van ledetal.

Aan die Metgeselle wat verseker dat hulle Kapittels die aanslae van die tye oorleef, baie dankie vir julle onbaatsigtige bydraes, dit word opreg waardeer. Julle name is aan my bekend maar ek gaan nie uitsonderings maak nie want elke bydrae is vir my ewe belangrik.

Rituale

Graag wil ek die Rituale kommittee bedank vir hulle insette rakend die Merk Meester en Voortreflike Meesters rituale. Dit is gedruk en gesêkuleer en die kleinskrif is iets van die verlede. Soos met alle goeie dinge in die lewe is almal nie tevrede nie maar die oorgrote meerderheid van die lede is tevrede met die byvoegings tot die ritual van die Merk Meesters graad asook die verklaring aan die agterkant van die rituaal.

Administration of Grand Chapter

M Ex Comp Carl Planting has relocated to Australia to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Ex Comp Avron Jacobson was available and I appointed him to the position of Grand Scribe Ezra. M Ex Comp Planting was willing to assist where ever he could before leaving for Australia. Despite being "new on the block" he fulfilled the position to the best of his ability.

In November 2016 when M Ex Comp Planting informed me of his future plans I said to him that a slave cannot be released until his master gave the command. In October 2016 we set up our Supreme Grand Chapter office in Cape Town and he was tasked to get the office up and running, which he did. M Ex Comp Planting, M Ex John Smith, M Ex Comp Harry Archer M Ex Comp Billy Prentzler, Ex Comp Jacobson and others got together and arranged the logistics and in no time the office was set up and an inventory was done.

I want to thank all Comps who assisted with the relocation and set up of the office, but a special thanks to M E Comp Smith for all his efforts. After all the hard work had been finished, M Ex Comp Planting was permitted to relocate to Australia.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter does have its own email address which Ex Comp Jacobson arranged and I urge all Comps to use this facility because we do have our own identity within the Order.

Thank you To the Comps who assisted financially. Without your help we would have to put even more pressure on the system where money is more needed.

Finansies

Die finansies van die Opperste Groot Koninklike Gewelf Kapittel is kern gesond en ek

moet die Tesourier, SV Metg Allen Pembroke bedank vir wat hy doen om die finansies te beheer. SV Metg Dawie van Rooyen het onder die radar gewerk en moet hom ook bedank vir al sy insette en bydraes.

SV Metg Pembroke word vandag bevestig as Derde Groot Prinsipaal en ek wil hom bedank vir sy jarelange toegewydheid aan Koninklike Gewelf.

SV Metg Tom du Toit word vandag bevestig as Groot Tesourier en wens hom alle sterkte toe in hierdie verantwoordelike posisie.

Die Bestuurspan het dit goedgevind om weereens n donasie te maak aan die Spring Ball tydskrif asook die jaarlikse fondsinsameling vir die verskillende tehuse onder die bestuur van die Suidelike Afdeling. Daar word tereg gesê dat "charity starts at home" en dit is presies waarom donasies aan hierdie instansies gedoen word want sonder julle gelde en persoonlike bydraes sal dit nie kan gebeur nie. Aan die persone wat hierdie instansies bestuur –baie dankie vir julle onbaatsigtige diens en toewyding.

Grand Chapter Officers - acknowledgements;

Ex Comp Dave Duncun OSM, Past 3rd Grand Sojourner, will be installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa on the 8th July 2017. We, as members of the Royal Arch, congratulate him on this high honour.

M Ex Comp John Smith OSM, our Deputy First Grand Principal, was honoured in being appointed as the Deputy Grand Master.

M Ex Comp Alf Bronner, Grand Scribe Nehemiah, was appointed as an Assistant Grand Master.

Ex Comp Allan van der Vyfer, Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division and a member of the English Royal Arch, was appointed as an Assistant Grand Master.

Ex Comp Peet Roos, Grand Sword Bearer, will be installed as the Provincial Grand Master of the Northern division on the 8th July 2017.

To all of these worthy Comps – you deserve these high positions. Working with you in the Order I know that you will do them justice.

To all the Officers of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, thank you for all the hard work during the last year and, where applicable, for taking office again. The New Year does have its own challenges and with a team like this, no obstacle would be too big to overcome. Ex Comp Lennox van Rooyen will be obligated today for the first time into the ranks of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and knowing Ex Comp Lennox he will do more than expected from him. Welcome Ex Comp van Rooyen, this is the start of a well-deserved sojourn - and it won't be the last.

All Chapters and Councils had a visit from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter during the year. Thank you Comps, being visible; you are fulfilling your obligation.

Opperste Groot Kommittee

N Span duisend. Dankie vir julle bydraes en insette gedurende die jaar, dit het my taak soveel ligter gemaak. Die tye wanneer ek julle geskakel het was julle insette positief en konstruktief en dit is die eienskappe van n goeie span en waardige Metgeselle.

Aan die Oud Eerste Groot Prinsipale baie dankie vir julle leiding en onderskraging nie net aan my nie maar die Orde in die geheel.

Ek sal my plig versuim om nie vir Seer Verhewe Metgesel Bernard Neuhaus te bedank vir alles wat hy gedoen het as Groot 3^{de} Prinsipaal. Hy het die land deurkruis en altyd n glimlag op sy gesig gehad want dit waarmee hy besig was is baie na aan sy hart. As lid van die Groot Kommittee sal sy positiewe bydrae en insette gemis word en hy was altyd bereid om n ietsie ekstra te doen. Die banier en swaard van die Opperste Groot Koninklike Gewelf Kapittel is deur hom geskenk en sal altyd blywend wees vir nog baie jare wat kom. Dankie uncle Bernnie vir wie jy is.

Aan die Adjunk Groot Eerste Groot Prinsipaal, SV Metg John Smith ODV, baie dankie vir jou raad en bystand, jy is n Metgesel duisend.

Relationship With Other Constitutions

From the interim reports received from our Grand Superintendents, it is obvious that we still maintain an excellent relationship with our Sister Constitution and reciprocal visits continue.

We deem this relationship to be very important and I urge our Grand Superintendents to maintain this healthy situation.

During the year the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter had received several invitations to visit overseas Supreme Grand Chapter and these will be attended to in the near future.

Afsluiting

Die Koninklike Gewelf van Suid Afrika is vandag weer in die kollig en dit is as gevolg van ons uittredende Groot Meester HE Br Geoff Edwards OSM. HE Groot Meester baie dankie vir wat u vir Koninklike Gewelf gedoen het deur ons geliefde Orde weer terug te plaas in die Order waar dit hoort. Die Eerste Groot Prinsipaal is nie net geregtig om sy amps kolloret te dra by Grootlosie se jaarlikse vergaderings nie maar die volle regalia van n Eerste Groot Prinsipaal, en dit alles deur u te danke. Baie dankie vir u persoonlike raad en onderskraging en ek weet dat u opvolger dieselfde siening as u het rakend Koninklike Gewelf en ek sien uit daarna om saam met hom te werk om Koninklike Gewelf Vrymesselary te bevorder.

Koninklike Gewelf se groei is stadig maar progressief en ek wil n ieder en n elk bedank vir hulle lojaliteit en onbaatsigtige diens.

Geen instansie of Orde kan bestaan sonder goeie leiers nie, ek wil die leiers en seniors van die Kapittels bedank vir hulle onbaatsigtige diens, dit word raak gesien maar nie altyd erken nie, nogmaals dankie vir julle bydraes.

Aan n ieder en n elk vandag teenwoordig – baie dankie, dit is in der waarheid julle Opperste Groot Koninklike Gewelf Kapittel en ek glo vas in my hart, dat ons kan trots wees daarop.

Mag Die Ware en Lewende Allerhoogste God hierdie Opperste Groot Koninklike Gewelf Kapittel, Ampsdraers en Lede seën in al hulle wettige ondernemings.

Mag Dit So Wees



M Ex Comp Johan Britz

First Grand Principal



Senior RA Officers at the 2017 AGM. M Ex Comp Johan Britz is centre back.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2017- 2018

The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester	MW Bro / HE Br D Duncan OSM / ODV
First Grand Principal / Eerste Grootprinsipaal	M Ex Comp / SV Metg J Britz
Deputy First Grand Principal / Adj Eerste Grootprinsipaal	M Ex Comp / SV Metg J Smith OSM / ODV
Second Grand Principal / Tweede Grootprinsipaal	M Ex Comp / SV Metg B Carstens
Third Grand Principal / Derde Grootprinsipaal	M Ex Comp / SV Metg A Pembroke
Grand Superintendent / Grootsuperintendent (ND/NA)	M Ex Comp / SV Metg M Kotze
Grand Superintendent / Grootsuperintendent (SD/SA)	M Ex Comp / SV Metg D van Rooyen
Grand Scribe E / Groot Skriba E	M Ex Comp / SV Metg A Jacobson
Grand Treasurer / Groot Penningmeester	M Ex Comp/ SV Metg T Du Toit
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba Nehemia	M Ex Comp / SV Metg A Bronner
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba Nehemia	M Ex Comp / SV Metg W King
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba Nehemia	M Ex Comp / SV Metg J Grobbelaar
Grand Master Of Ceremonies / Groot Seremoniemeester	M Ex Comp / SV Metg J Markantonis
Grand Master of Ceremonies / Groot Seremoniemeester	M Ex Comp / SV Metg L Martin
Ass Grand Master of Ceremonies / Ass Groot Seremoniemeester	Ex Comp / V Metg J Snyman
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoof Besoeker	Ex Comp / V Metg G Crichton
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoof Besoeker	Ex Comp / V Metg G De Vos Rabie
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoof Besoeker	Ex Comp / V Metg E Steenkamp
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweede Besoeker	Ex Comp/ V Metg A Duncan
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweede Besoeker	Ex Comp/ V Metg D Markantonis
Grand Third Sojourner / Groot Derde Besoeker	Ex Comp / V Metg L van Rooyen

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (MSA) TOEKENNING VIR VOORTREFLIKE DIENS (TVD)

	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 Alexander	OSM/ODV		1997 to 2000
	M Ex Comp PJ Naude		MSA /TVD	2000 to 2006
	M Ex Comp AGA 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

*	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 BG Lindeque	OSM /ODV		2003
*	M Ex Comp JT Bowen	OSM /ODV		2009
*	M Ex Comp A Watson	OSM /ODV		2014
	M Ex Comp GR Edwards	OSM /ODV		2017

**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	
	Rhoodie	AGA	
	Sumner	GH	
	van Zyl	AJJ	
*	Wapnick	AL	
	van Rooyen	D	

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling			
*	Brink	DG	
	Britz	JJ	
	Bynard	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	

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

PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS / OUD GROOT KAPITTEL AMPDRAERS

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

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

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

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

Past Grand Scribes E / Oud Grootkribas E			
	Ackermann	GF	
	Archer	HW	MSA/TVD
*	Brecher	B	
*	Kaestner	SP	MSA/TVD
*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
	Planting	C	

Past Grand Scribe N / Oud Grootkribas N			
	Grobbelaar	J	
	Haasbroek	J	

Past Grand Custodian / Groot Regalia Bewaarder			
*	Wentzel	R	

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

Past Grand Janitors / Oud Groot Deurwagters			
*	Kommel	B	

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

*	Myburgh	P	
	van Wyk	M	
*	Whittaker	JW	

**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 Grootseremoniemeesters			
*	Ziervogel	C	

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

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

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

Past Second Grand Sojourner / Oud Tweede Groothoofbesoeker			
	Brönnner	A	

Past Third Grand Principal / Oud Derde Grootprinsipale			
*	Clemens	JI	
*	Crous	RH	
*	Feigel	FT	

Past Third Grand Sojourner / Oud Derde Groothoofbesoeker			
*	Correia	AM	
*	Opperman	D	
*	Stevens	AJ	
	Lötter	M	

	Hanke	LeR	
	Hayward	ER	
	Kukukuk	JW	
	Marais	FJ	
*	Wellish	W	
	van Zyl	AJ	

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

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Grootseremoniemeesters			
	Mitchell	SI	

Past Grand Janitor / Oud Groot Deurwagter			
*	Mocke	J	

Past Grand Stewards / Oud Groothofmeesters			
	Casson	G	
	Gush	MR	

Past Grand Banner Bearer / Oud Grootvaandeeldraer			
*	Botha	TJGV	

* 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	
Province of Manitoba	B Carstens	L Barklay
Mexico		Oscar J Salinas
Netherlands	PJ Naude	D van Bentveld
New South Wales	T Du Toit	
Nova Scotia	AGA Rhodie	E Greenfield
Province of Ontario	B Neuhaus	
Scotland	AJ van Zyl	John A Fraser
South Australia	JJ Britz	C Selwood
State of New York	GS Sumner	JA Quinones
Victoria Australia	H Archer	NJ Best

CHAPTER DETAILS

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

LODGE & COUNCIL DETAILS

Chapter	No		Location	Division	Meeting Months	Day	Week
Bellville Cryptic	2	1988	Cape Town	Southern	Mar May Aug Nov	Thu	5 th
Eendrag Maak Mag Lodge & Council	6	1988	Krugersdorp	Northern	Months with 5 Sats	Sat	5 th
Fidelity Cryptic	15	2015	Orange Grove	Northern	Mar Jun Oct Nov	Sat	4 th
de Goede Kaap Lodge & Council	16	1988	Cape Town	Southern	Feb Apr Jun Aug Oct	Tue	4 th

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter	No	Install	Special Date	MEZ	Contact	Tel
Mutual	1	Oct	5 th Mon	G. Sumner	H W Archer	021 5311539
Bellville	2	Nov	4 th Mon	G. Ricci	H W Archer	021 5311539
Unie	3	Jan	3 rd Sat	V Kumm	H van der Walt	082 415 6082
Dromedaris	4	Feb	1 st Sat	FCA Roodt	AJ Pembroke	083 259 4980
Johannes Truter	5	Aug	1 st Thu	Binedell	JL Snyman	021 8731365
Koh-I-Nor	7	Oct	3 rd Sat	I Muthien	R Uys	082 9680211
Fiat Lux	8	Apr	3 rd Sat	N. Van Vuuren	P West	0845314037
De Broederband	10	Jul	2 nd Sat	R Ingle	J Harmse	082 4528459
Orange	12	May	3 rd Sat	DS Fourie	TA du Toit	084 5127505
Horeb	13	Sep	3 rd Sat	M Mostert	M Mostert	083 3203169
Witbank	14	Oct	1 st Sat	HC Klopper	JP Cronje	017 6324398
Fidelity	15	Aug	4 th Sat	M Victor	I Huntly	082 6500618
de Goede Kaap	16	Sep	3 rd Wed	E Doucas	GR Edwards	021 7625659
Unity	22	Nov	1 st Sat	DS Fourie	A Rheeder	083 2299074

LODGE & COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chapter	No	Install	Special Date	MEZ	Contact	Tel
Bellville Cryptic	2	Nov	5 th Thu	J Smith	E Backhouse	072 2822042
Eendrag Maak Mag Lodge & Council	6	Jan	5 th Sat	H Kotze	T du Toit	084 5127505
Fidelity Cryptic	15	Aug	3 rd Sat	J Harmse	M Kotze	083 3219187
de Goede Kaap Lodge & Council	16	Feb	4 th Tue	M Patel	E Backhouse	072 2822042

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER SOUTHERN DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT ENDING AUGUST 2017**

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

Administration

I must pay special tribute to our Treasurer and Acting 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.

To those Comps that have completed their terms as Provincial Officers, a sincere thank you for your support to the Provincial team. A special thank you to my Deputy, Ex Comp Dawie van Rooyen, as well as the 2nd and 3rd Provincial Grand Principals, Comps Koos Snyman and Dan Buckle.

Finance

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 commitments. We will again donate R5,000 to the Spring Ball. (A portion of the donation will go to the Spring Ball magazine advertisement).

Membershi

Exaltations;	
Chapter Mutual	2
Chapter De Goede Kaap	2
Cryptic	1
Total	5

Joining;	
Chapter Bellville	1
Chapter Johannes Truter	6
Total	7

Affiliations;	
Chapter Mutual	5
Total	5

Members Gained 17

Resignations;	
Chapter Mutual	2
Chapter Bellville	2
Chapter Johannes Truter	3
Chapter Fiat Lux	8
Chapter de Goede Kaap	2
Mariners	8
Cryptic	9
Total Resignations	34

Grand Superintendent



M Ex Comp Brian Carstens

Deaths;	
Chapter Mutual	1
Chapter Johannes Truter	1
Total Deaths	2

Current Membership;	
Active Members	104
Honorary	43
Total	147

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

During this Masonic Year all scheduled installations have taken place.

All Chapters have received the English versions of the Mark Masters and Excellent Masters rituals. Chapters Mutual and Johannes Truter who both work in Afrikaans continue to work from the old rituals until the new Afrikaans rituals are released. The two new rituals were well received by the Comps.

The only negative aspect I have picked up is that the Mark Masters Symbolic lecture is too long. I have compared it to the English Constitution Mark Masters ritual and found that the wording, symbols and length were very much the same.

Eastern Cape

I headed a delegation to Port Elizabeth during April. My Deputy, Ex Comp Dawie van Rooyen, my 2nd Principal, Ex Comp Kosie Snyman, and my acting Scribe Ezra M Ex Comp. Harry Archer MSA accompanied me. We did the Installation of Chapter Fiat Lux and all had a good time.

The revival of Chapter Fiat Lux looks very good. The Chapter is now busy changing the place of meeting to Port Alfred where there are a few prospective RA Masons who would like to join them.

Sister Constitutions

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

functions. I have attended some of them and those I could not attend, I sent a representative.

Conclusion

I am pleased to report that the Southern Division continues to progress well.

My fourth 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 a difference.

To each and every member of this Division. I thank you for your loyalty and support.



M Ex Comp Brian Carstens
Grand Superintendent

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**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER NORTHERN DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 2017**

Grand Superintendent



M Ex Comp Martin Kotze

MW Grand Master, M Ex First Grand Principal, M Ex Comps, Ex Comps and Comps.

It is an immense pleasure for me to extend a very warm and hearty welcome to every Comp present. Be sure that the Northern Division are very grateful having you all at our annual convocation. We want to thank especially the Comps who travelled from all over the country to be present, we appreciate your sacrifice to attend this important meeting and hope you will enjoy the meeting and our hospitality.

How time just flies past. It feels like yesterday when I was installed just a year ago as Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. This past year, as always, had its ups and downs high points and low points but I must report that it was a learning experience that I never ever expected. The positive rose above the negative, my Provincial Grand Chapter officers helped me enormously, sometimes carrying me. Thank you for all your support.

New Strategy

I started a program called the audition program where the senior Provincial Grand Chapter officers do an audition for the next position to which they would normally be promoted. This proved to help a

lot sorting out misconceptions and problems and giving the Comps more discipline and self-confidence. The installations were of a higher standard and we also have more frequent rehearsals. I really hope that this program will help all Ex Comps in the future.

Chapters

I am pleased to report that none of the Chapters had to hand back a Charter. But, I am very worried about Chapters Unity and Unie in the Free State as these Chapters are struggling due to ageing members, economic climate and vast distances. This year my executive team and myself will have to sit down and have a meeting with the Comps of these Chapters to determine the way forward. Some Chapters are having meetings every month and are very busy performing workings.

Chapter Fidelity is still the fastest growing chapter in the Division with Chapter Koh-I-Nor not far behind. The rest of the Chapters are showing steady growth. I am pleased to report that for the past year there were no resignations. To the Comps that joined during the year, we welcome all of you - please enjoy your Royal Arch.

I was impressed with the quality of the floor work of the Comps at all the Chapters I got a chance to visit. I would urge the Comps to keep on improving their floor work. Start with small pieces and tackle bigger parts as you grow and build confidence. To the members of the Chapters, I want to say thank you for the warm welcomes I and my Executive get whenever we visit, it makes the meetings extra special. Comps I ask and urge you to talk to as many Brethren as possible about Royal Arch in your respective Lodges so more Brothers can enjoy this wonderful part of Masonry. Royal Arch has many lessons to teach to all and has a key role to play in today's Masonry. We must also let these potential Comps know that they can apply to join the Royal Arch 4 weeks after their third degree. Unfortunately not all Comps and Brethren know this and some are under the impression that they must be through the chair of a Lodge. Comps let us clear up this misconception.

During the year God has called the names of a couple of Comps to the Grand Chapter above. They will be sorely missed but not forgotten. Our sincere condolences to their families.

Deaths 3.

Joining / Affiliations 33.

Resignations 0.

Sister Constitutions

We still have a very good relationship with our sister Constitutions. On the West Rand some of the Comps have joined the English Mark and visit other Constitution Chapters whenever they get the chance. We would like to keep on strengthening the bonds between the Constitutions as at the end of the day we are still all Brothers no matter what the Constitution.

Strategic Planning

With my new appointment, I felt it necessary to launch a strategic review so that a co-ordinated approach to the strategic direction of the Provincial Grand Chapter could be achieved. To this end, I have requested Ex Comps John Harmse and Rex Ingle to proceed with this project.

The methodology is based on the continuous improvement model and the first strategic session was held at the Bosberaad in March. We are presently in the second phase of the exercise where a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis is being done by each Chapter in the Northern Division under their guidance.

A further strategic Bosberaad will be held in September, where an analysis of the SWOT results will be presented. This will enable us to establish the “Present Reality” (PR) and “Future Intent” (FI) as well as steps or projects to move from the PR to the FI. Each project will have a Comp appointed to perform the roll-out and drive it.

In the next year, a review of the strategic plan will be done to update and modify the new PR with new projects and some remaining ones, to achieve the second year FI. This will again be done in the third year so that a continuous improvement will be achieved with buy-in and understanding of all Comps and this should make for a robust and sustainable Northern Division.

Die naweek was ook baie goed ondersteun deur almal en ons dames dink ek het dit die meeste geniet. Ek glo dat die nuwe rigting wat ons nou gaan inslaan gaan n groot inpak he in die toekoms.



Relaxing with the Grand Master at the Bosberaad

Bedankings

Ek moet Metg Marius Mostert en Brandon Topham bedank vir hulle harde werk deur die jaar, Metg Ignatius dankie vir jou werk as Skriba Esra. Ons het die jaar wat verby is baie probleme ondervind met die bank maar dit is nou hoopelik uitgesorteer. Aan die Groot Eerstepriinsipaal dankie vir u raad en ondersteuning. Aan V Metg Hennie Kotze, Bill King en Dave Duncan ook aan u baie dankie vir u insette deur die jaar. Aan my vrou Katinka baie dankie vir jou ondersteuning en bystand met my Vrymesselaar loobaan ek waardeer dit op reg.

Ex Comp Dave Duncan OSM, congratulations on your election as Grand Master I hope your term is fruitful and I know you will promote Royal Arch where ever and when ever you possibly can.

Liefdadigheid

Die jaar sal die Noordelike Afdeling weer R5,000 aan die Spring Bal skenk. Die meeste metgeselle is betrokke by verskeie liefdadigheids projekte aan die metgeselle wil ek dankie se vir hulle omgee vir hulle mede mens en betrokkenheid.

Conclusion

To all the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers taking office today, thank you and I know we will enjoy the coming year and that I can rely on each and every one of you.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of the Northern Division had a successful year with the help of all the Provincial Chapters.

Provincial Grand Officers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and, Comps, this was all possible with the help of the True and Living God Most High. We thank Him for all blessings bestowed upon us.

SMIB.

M Ex Comp Martin Kotze

Grand Superintendent



Installing M Ex Comp Frik Brits as MEZ of Horeb

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER FOR THE YEAR 2017.



2017 has been an exceptional year for the AASR in South Africa.

The Annual General Meeting of 2017 held in Johannesburg in March was a huge success and the conference theme "What is Teamwork to the Freemason?" added value throughout this year to the AASR's philosophy towards "How do we, in search of the ineffable mysteries of life and finding fellow seekers on our journey, conduct ourselves as Masons?"

Part of the conference was the election of a new Sovereign Grand Commander and members of the executive. I wish to thank the past Sovereign Grand Commander MP Bro Piet Coetzee and his Executive for their selfless services to the Supreme Council of South Africa.

It has been another good year for growth in our membership and nearly all Chapters admitted new members into the AASR. My sincere congratulations to all new members and I wish them happiness and prosperity in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite experience as part of their Masonic journey.

2018 will not see intensive recruitment drives but rather consolidation of programs to ensure members work together towards turning Chapters and Consistories into places of harmony and unity. Strengthening brotherhood and friendship - thus enriching and enhancing member's overall AASR experience. This will ensure that the Supreme Council create a conducive environment for our membership development program.

Visiting all Regions and participating in degree workings, holding discussion meetings with the Regional leaders helped me to understand how Regions, under different conditions, with various leadership styles and different understandings of Ritual work resulted in different focus areas. Different levels of commitment and participation in social activities produce and result in close

harmony to realise not only our strategic objectives but pursue and live to the motto of our Order Unity, Tolerance, Prosperity.

The Supreme Council consecrated Chapter Koh-i-Noor No 38, Northern Region, into the Masonic disciplines of Chapters and Consistories and we have high expectations for this Chapter and its members to grow into one of our leading Chapters.

The updating of our Rituals and Ceremonies within our strategic objectives and implementation programs is yielding the desired results and huge progress was made and achievement reached in our close working relationship with the Supreme Council of the Netherlands. New Rituals to complete our degree system will be implemented over the next year, namely the 14th and 22nd degrees. The actual working implementation will be introduced in certain Regions after approval.

The 4th degree Afrikaans draft Ritual was released for comments during our 25th anniversary celebrations and will be ready for approval at our next AGM. All existing Rituals will be given a new look and be released as the old stock gets depleted.

The Further Education program is stimulating excitement amongst Brethren and education material for the Lodges of Perfection 4th to 14th Degrees as well as Chapter of Rose Croix 15^o to 18^o are in the process to be completed for academic and content review. The implementation of this first phase of the Education objectives will be a huge step in the right direction to ensure that the Supreme Council provide opportunities for our members to further their Masonic career in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Education program will be officially launched by the Supreme Council in Cape Town as part of our Annual General Meeting events during the weekend of the 25th and 26th of May 2018. This event will be attended by overseas delegates from different Supreme Councils. We are very privileged to have in attendance Bro Arturo de Hoyos from the Southern Jurisdiction USA (Supreme Council of the World). He is one of the full time Directors at the House of the Temple in Washington, serving as the Grand Archivist and Grand Historian and is responsible for the Scottish Rite Master Craftsmen Education program. He is the author of numerous Scottish Rite text books including the Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry and the most read Scottish Rite annotated version of Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma that took nearly 20 years to complete. These text books are used as Scottish

Rite references by thousands of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons throughout the world. These books will also form part of our study material.

The degree work, education and member activities of the AASR represent the heart, soul, and product of our great International body of Scottish Rite Masonry and every member has a right to expect that the purpose of the Supreme Council is carried out to the fullest possible extent by each Region, Chapter and Consistory.

Our 25th anniversary program of events in November can be seen as one of the highlights in the 25 years of the Supreme Council of South Africa's existence. The Initiation into the 33rd Degree of M III Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren, M III Bro Paul Nash and V III Bro Pieter van den Heever started off a very busy program of festivities. In making the Grand Master, MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, the first ever recipient of an Honorary 33rd Degree was indeed a major event in our calendar and an honour for me as the Sovereign Grand Commander to bestow this on such a worthy Brother. We are looking forward to working in close relationship with the Grand Lodge of South Africa to promote the Masonic growth path of its members.

The Installation meeting for Bro Reuven Coenen as the MW Sovereign of Chapter Eendracht Maakt Macht was indeed a highlight with nineteen 33rd Degree Members present and thirty-seven members of different Degrees in attendance. The Gala dinner evening event filled with fellowship

and laughter, speeches and awards contributed to an exceptional and very successful day for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in South Africa, and made me proud to say that in the midst of my Brothers I am at home.

The Meritorious Award (MA) for outstanding and dedicated services to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of South Africa and for his fifty-seven years of exceptional services to the Order of Freemasonry, was awarded to a well-deserved candidate M III Brother Bernard Neuhaus 33rd.

The Supreme Council faced some difficult challenges this past year. Challenges that called for high levels of discipline from the Supreme Council and high levels of International consultation and discipline, that not only left us with strong fundamental principles to follow, but to continue to foster and promote the principles which form the foundation of the Scottish Rite. We had to translate those challenges into actions that gave us the needed wisdom and perseverance and I am proud to say, we shall overcome.

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

Let us all work as Freemasons in harmony to the day where we can proudly say; **Consummatum Est!** All is accomplished.

MP Bro Boet du Plessis 33°

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Lieutenant Grand Commander	P Bro I Heyneke
Grand Prior	M III Bro N Klein
Grand Minister of State	M III Bro G Edwards
Grand Secretary General	M III Bro M Burchell
Grand Treasurer General	MP Bro P Coetzee
Grand Chancellor	M III Bro P Nash
Grand Orator	M III Bro N van Vuuren
Grand Attorney General	M III Bro F Roodt
Grand Master of Ceremonies	M III Bro M Kotze
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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	Eendracht Maakt Macht No 5
		Prosperitas No 20
		Koh-i-Noor No 38
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

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
	B Neuhaus	2017	Past Eminent Commander

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
	L Wolsink	2017-2017

* Denotes deceased

PAST EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Sovereign Grand Commander			Lieutenant Grand Commander		
*	B Kloppers	1992-1993	*	FB Staal	1992-1994
*	WAH Klemptner	1994-1999	*	CB Groenewald	1999-2000
*	M Milanesi	1999-2008		T Vogler	2000-2008
*	BG Lindeque	2008-2014		GLN Schuitemaker	2008-2013
	FP Coetzee	2014-2017		JJ Britz	2014-2016

Grand Prior			Grand Minister of State		
*	JWR Brown	1994-1995	*	GM Burchell	1994-1996
*	PRJM Brits	1995-2005		MR Gush	1996-2000
*	FWT Pistorius	2005-2006		CCR Heckmann	2000-2003
	CL Moroukian	2007-2013		AG Smith	2009-2009
				B Chadwick	2008-2011
			*	JJJ Mocke	2013-2013

Grand Secretary General			Grand Treasurer General		
*	A van Niekerk	1998-2000		AJ du Plessis	1994-1996
			*	KAS Lubbe	1996-2000
				BDJ Spies	2000-2011

Grand Chancellor			Grand Orator		
*	W Raffels	1994-2000	*	RW Atkinson	1996-2000
	PJ Brits	2003-2007		JP Conradie	2002-2013
	F Ullmann	2007-2008			
	M Gallagher	2014-2015			

Grand Attorney General			Grand Master of Ceremonies		
*	M Levin	1994-2000		PJ Brits	1992-1994
*	RS Bauser	2000-2005			
	P Burchell	2013-2015			

Grand Captain of the Guard					
	M Forrester	1994-1996	*	PA Greeff	2000-2007
*	CG Ferreira	1996-2000			



Back - M Ill Bros Martin Kotze, Cor van Zyl, Victor Mühlenbeck, Frans Roodt
 Front - M Ill Bro Geoff Edwards, P Bro Izak Heyneke, MP Bro Boet du Plessis, M Ill Bro Mike Burchell

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE "IN THE WORLD FOR THE WORLD"

The emergence and early history of Freemasonry, as presented in many old Masonic books, often tells a story that is more romantic than factual. Some authors mix up fact and fiction so that it is sometimes hard to distinguish between reality and the many fallacies, myths and legends, presented in their writings.

Bernard E Jones, in his book "Freemasons' Guide and Compendium" presents a well-balanced view, based on extensive research and documented evidence. He says, "Freemasonry has two histories - the one, **legendary and traditional**, going back to the dawn of architecture. The other **authentic**, covering a period of a few hundred years and deriving in some part from the ancient craft guilds and fraternities. In that period are believed to lie the main roots of world Freemasonry".

Author's views vary and are often in conflict, particularly as regards the origins and emergence of Freemasonry.

It is, however, a documented and irrefutable fact, that the system of Freemasonry currently operating in the world, originated from the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London in 1717. At the meeting of representatives of the four London Lodges held at The Goose and Gridiron Alehouse on 24th June 1717, the foundation for the structure, operational methodology and, indeed, the future of Freemasonry, was formulated.

They elected "by a majority of hands, Mr Anthony Sayer, Gentleman, Grand Master of Masons" and, some six years later, when "The Constitutions of the Freemasons" was prepared by Dr Anderson and printed in 1723, the ground rules of modern Freemasonry were formally laid.

That said, there are many, sometimes fanciful, views expressed by various Masonic writers. Some claim that the legendary roots of Freemasonry can be linked back to the patriarchs of the Bible. Others that the origins can be traced back to ancient Rome, where a brotherhood of builders and architects were the forerunners of the guilds of the middle ages (Mackey),

Certain Masonic writers in Germany claim that the fraternity originated in that country, as a natural progression from the medieval German stonemason bodies, the "Steinmetzen", which evolved into speculative Masonry.

Regardless of the accuracy of these and other claims, the generally accepted record of the first "making of a Mason" is that of Elias Ashmole, who, in 1646 according to his diary, was "made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire". Of interest here is that the use of the words "Free Mason" (sic) in this extract from his diary, constitutes the first

known use of the term carrying a speculative or symbolic meaning (Jones).

There appears to be valid evidence, that the admission of non-operative members to the guilds influenced the evolution of the Institution, particularly during the latter half of the 17th century. From that time, the membership of Lodges comprised mostly of men who were not, as in the past, engaged in the "arts and sciences" of building.

Speculative Freemasonry evolved and became prominent during the 17th century, and Lodge membership reflected this move away from "builder's guilds", long before the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717.

Freemasonry was certainly not confined to London at the time of the foundation of the first Grand Lodge, and had already spread to many other cities and towns in the British Isles, and quite possibly, to several countries in Europe.

The foundation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1725 followed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1731 is clear evidence that the growth of Freemasonry within the British Isles was both rapid and extensive.

From Scotland to France, Germany and rapidly elsewhere into Europe, Freemasonry soon spread throughout the world to the Americas, Africa, Australasia, the Far East and to most of the Territories settled and controlled by the European nations as they expanded their empires.

During the latter part of the 17th century, when the British Isles were torn by strife, many Scots fled to France and continued their Masonic interests in that country. In 1732, the first "Ecosaise", or Scottish Lodge, was organised in Bordeaux.

The years 1738 - 1740 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. Later, in 1763, Morin established these degrees in the West Indies, and so Freemasonry continued to spread throughout the world.

The first Scottish Rite Supreme Council in the world, was founded in 1801 at Charleston, South Carolina, USA when "The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and last Degree for the United States of America" was created with the aim to unite competing groups and to bring Masonic "order out of chaos".

It follows that as Freemasonry spread over the face of the earth, various local influences would have had some effect on Masonic practices in different countries. However, it is quite remarkable that despite vast differences in culture, language and political systems of the countries in which

Freemasonry now operates, the essence of the Order has remained relatively unchanged over the last three hundred years. The similarity in the rituals are such that visitors to foreign shores, who do not understand a word of the local language, can still follow the procedures at ceremonial meetings with relative ease.

In light of these facts, and as supported by the documented evidence, there can be no doubt that for several centuries, "Freemasonry in the world" has been a reality and a positive influence in society. . .

Having presented sufficient evidence to prove that Freemasonry has existed and been "**in the world**" and an integral part of society for many centuries, let me now address of the second part of the theme and examine how Freemasonry has been, and continues to be - "**for the world**".

There are many definitions of Freemasonry, the majority of which do not do justice to the institution, its objects or the activities of its members. Most of the definitions have a limited relevance to the subject, but, by its very nature, it is a complex issue which all but defies a single, all-embracing statement covering everything that Freemasonry is, and what it does.

Some years ago, The United Grand Lodge of England issued a short explanation, following extensive criticism of the Craft in Britain. An extract from that leaflet reads "Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values."

This is as good a definition as any, and incorporates "men", who are the members, and "morality and values", which is what the order attempts to teach its members.

We are aware that men of all ranks and characteristics have been drawn to the Order over the years and included among these have been men who have influenced the history of nations. Others have contributed hugely to mankind's knowledge of the arts, medicine and science.

How, and why, does the institution attract such members?

How, and what, does Freemasonry do to contribute to the society of which its members are part?

How, and what, does it do to justify being considered "**for the world**"?

To find an answer we must examine what Freemasonry attempts to teach its members - for it is its members who interact with, and in, society, not the institution per se.

Firstly, let us analyse the purpose of the ceremonial rituals at which the Masonic lessons are taught. These are not simply "play acting" to entertain Lodge members and test their memories!

They are serious endeavours to inculcate in the minds of all present, the important lessons we must

all learn, in order to lead a useful and meaningful life, as intended by the Great Architect, and to practice and give due regard to the importance of living by the "Golden Rule".

MP Bro Henry C Clausen, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, most succinctly defined the objective of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as follows: -

"The purpose of the Scottish Rite, simply stated, is to seek that which is the most worth in the world".....

Albert Pike, in *Morals and Dogma* states: -

"Step-by-step man must advance toward Perfection and each Masonic Degree is meant to be one of those steps.".....

So, there can be no doubt that the purpose of the ritual is to guide man towards the philosophical perception of life, and greater understanding of his place and purpose in the Universe.

Secondly, let us examine how the lessons are conveyed to candidates in the ritual.

The use and inclusion of many Masons or builder's tools and terminology in these rituals provide the symbolic link to the operative Masons of the past, and the moralistic teachings of those times.

This is of particular importance to the first three craft degrees, which govern our relationship with God, our fellow man and particularly with our brethren. We are exhorted to "Know Thyself", the first step towards overcoming our weaknesses and improving our interaction with our fellow citizens.

The lessons of "Honesty, Tolerance, Respect, Morality, Dignity" and the other attributes which are necessary in civilised society, and for our interaction with everyone within that society, are the primary lessons in the first three degrees.

The degrees from the 4th to the 33rd are, as indicated previously, steps in the pursuit of Perfection. No man can attain that great aim, but to strive towards Perfection is to constantly strive to improve his nature.

The degrees of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are not merely a random collection of moral precepts, but are an organised and coherent system in the pursuit of Perfection in human character and conduct.

Thirdly, let us consider what Masonry can provide to ensure continued growth of the individual member beyond the first three steps of development.

As Masons advance beyond the essential lessons of the Craft and journey through the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the emphasis moves to a more philosophical and esoteric level. Each step builds on those previously taken until the practice of the Masonic lessons should become a reflex action.

The overall objective of these lessons is increase of knowledge and, in a practical sense, to make us better men - better in all respects - as husbands, fathers. Friends, citizens, et al.

In most Lodges and Chapters, there is a keen awareness that we have an enormous role to play in our community and society in general, by working for the benefit of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Charitable actions by, and donations from, the Masonic order world wide contribute hugely to relieve suffering and hardship. Hospitals, Children's Shelters, Homes for Senior Citizens, Learning Centres, Educational Bursaries, Pension Grants - the list is endless!

It is estimated that in the United States of America some \$400 million per year is donated to a wide variety of charities and beneficiaries - over \$1 million per day!

The first Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children was opened in Georgia USA in 1915 followed by hospitals in Dallas, Atlanta, and in many other States where the Scottish Rite Brethren have taken up the mission of healing. These facilities are paid for and maintained by the members of the Scottish Rite.

In Great Britain, grants to deserving organisations as diverse as Cancer Research,

Educational Institutions, Hospice Associations, Eye Hospitals, Youth clubs, Performing Arts, and countless more, amount to several million pounds per year.

Similarly, in Europe, Australasia, and, indeed, wherever Freemasons labour throughout the world, the members of society benefit through the practical application of Brotherly Love.

Therefore, Freemasonry, as an institution, is very much part of the community and continues to be a huge power for good, and for the good, of humanity!

Freemasonry and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, is without doubt, "In the World for the World!"

**MP Bro Ben Lindeque, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander**

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MP Bro Boet du Plessis with the Grand Master and new Honorary 33° MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM