



Send contributions to **The Square & Compasses**: MW Bro. Geoff Edwards OSM: secretary@grandlodge.co.za

Design and Layout of **The Square & Compasses**: Bro Manny de Freitas: manny.defreitas111@gmail.com

A BABY, A PROPOSAL AND A WEDDING...

A Baby

Wor Bro Siviwe Blauw (Lodge Tolerance) and his lady welcomed their first born and a “Lewis”, Ncutshe, into the world on 4 February 2025.

What a blessing!



A New Lewis: A truly happy moment

A Proposal

Those of you who have met Wor Bro Duwayne Brown’s partner, Morgan, will know what a delightful person she is. It came as no surprise, therefore, that the WM of de Goede Verwachting decided to ask her to marry him.

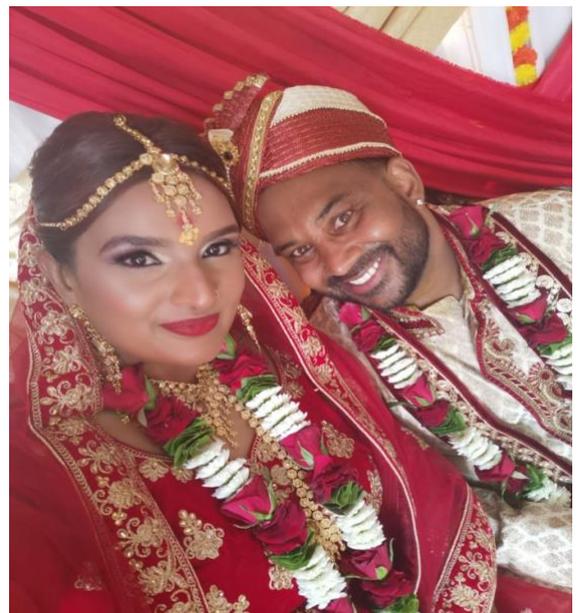
Good call Duwayne – and best of luck!



Bro Duwayne proposes: Will you marry me?

And a Wedding...

An Apprentice member, Bro Deverajen “Deejay” Govender, initiated on 28 May 2024 into Lodge Prins Frederik recently got married, or as the members of the Lodge joked with him, “tied the knot” and welcomed him to the family of married brethren. The members wish the happy couple many years of happiness together. This goes to show that Freemasonry has a positive effect on people’s lives in more ways than one can imagine.



Bro Deverajen “Deejay” Govender and his new bride tie the knot



Letter to the Editor



Dear MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM,

Thank you, Grand Secretary, for sharing the latest edition of *The Square and Compasses* (No. 152). I found it both insightful and engaging.

I truly appreciate the time and effort invested in producing this newsletter. The update from the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, was especially valuable - particularly regarding the recent conference in Brazil and the details of the upcoming conference in Cape Town.

As a newly initiated member of our fraternity (5 December 2024 - *Lodge First United, No 140. ED*), I am eager to absorb as much knowledge as possible on this journey of personal growth and self-development.

Wishing you a safe and blessed week ahead.

Sincerely,

Bro Alan Khan

Note from the Editor: All BB are encouraged to write to us and we will gladly publish your letters in the S&C.

Chain's Conference and Potjie Competition

On Friday, 28 February 2025, the Grand Lodge and Provincial Chains from our various Divisions met at Bloemfontein's Horizon Stables. We spent the day focusing on ideas which could uplift our Grand Lodge, while in the evening we had a very competitive Potjie competition. Most of the pots were excellent, but 2 pots which particularly caught everyone's attention were the Frans Roodt team's fish and Johan van der Merwe team's meat. Overall it was a very successful day.



Doug Sansom and Allen Tshabangu cooking up a storm!



Francois Dauth – suitably dressed for the occasion!



Central Division Annual Meeting

On Saturday, 1 March 2025 the Central Division AGM took place at the Spitzkop Temple in Bloemfontein. With PGM RW Bro Marcel de Kock in the Chair, the meeting was relaxed and well run. The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, led the Grand Lodge delegation and, as always, had a few inspiring thoughts to share with the Brethren in attendance. In the evening a now traditional spit braai was held with the brethren just relaxing and enjoyed each other's company.



MW Bro Godfrey Place and Wor Bro Machiel Britz

Feeding the Needy CONSISTENTLY

For the past few years Wor Bro Gary Hendricks (Perseverance) and his team have been feeding about 300 needy children with nutritious meals twice a week. Your efforts are very special Gary - Thank You! We are proud to be your Brothers.



Waiting to be fed



Central Division Annual Meeting: The Brethren in the East

AASR advance 3 Central Brethren to 32nd

On the morning of Saturday, 1 March 2025 the AASR took advantage of having their Brethren in Bloemfontein to advance Ill Bros Johnny Cambanis, Theoniel Pieterse and Mike Combrink to the 32nd degree. The working performed by MP Bro Vic Muhlenbeck and his team was a very effective one.



MP Bro Vic Muhlenbeck (centre) with Ill Bros Johnny, Theoniel and Mike (seated right) and the AASR Brethren



Makalani – a special Lodge

Lodge Makalani is based in Grootfontein (Namibia) and is the only GLSA Lodge physically based outside South Africa. This small, dynamic Lodge is a credit to our Grand Lodge. Their hospitality is legendary and at least one visit to Makalani should be on every GLSA Mason's bucket list!



RW Bro Monty Montgomery surrounded by his Brethren

De Goede Verwachting raise Bro Alban Nsonda

On Thursday, 20 February 2025, Wor Bro Duwayne Brown and his de Goede Verwachting team raised Bro Alban Nsonda to Master Mason. The ceremony was well executed and several visitors were in attendance and, in several cases, assisted with the working.



Gary Hendricks, Duwayne Brown, Alban Nsonda, Cobis Wilson, John van der Weijde and Guy Taylor

Southern Division's Lodge of Instruction

On Monday, 31 March 2025, RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, the PGM of Southern Division ran his quarterly Lodge of Instruction. The topic was "Understanding the 1st degree working". The Brethren were so enthusiastic about it that they decided to make the Lodge of Instruction a monthly event.



SD Lodge of Instruction: Raymond Eyiomen (centre back) with the Attendees

Westerford entertain the Masonic Homes

Lodge Westerford decided that they would like to do something practical for the Masonic Homes and now prepare and share a lunch with a different Home each month. The residents are delighted and really look forward to and enjoy these happy occasions. Wor Bro Sean Stuart and his team are doing us proud.



Burchell House residents



Andy's House residents

Bushy's African Adventure

Our Masonic legend, Wor Bro Bushy Mckelvey, who set up a world motor-cycle 24 hour endurance record despite being a double amputee, has now set off on a motor-cycle trip around Africa. He is hoping that his own experience will help inspire people who face similar challenges.





No Legs – No Limits!



Home for the next few months



Monty and Lara Montgomery, Bushy and Andre Botes

Lodge Marina hosts the GM's of Austria and the GLSA

On Tuesday, 8 March 2025, Marina hosted a 3rd degree working with both our own Grand Master and the Grand Master of Austria as guests. The candidate was de Goede Hoop's Dirk Agenbag and the working was performed by Brethren from Marina and de Goede Hoop. The working was excellent and the evening memorable.



Left: Lodge Marina: John Smith, Raymond Eyiomen, Godfrey Place, Dirk Agenbag, Bradley Bordiss, Stephane Rogovsky and Geoff Edwards



Magersfontein is now 6 years old

It seems like yesterday that we consecrated this Central Division based "Military" Lodge. They have their meetings at the historic Kimberley Temple and Wor Bro Johnny Cambanis is the current Master. Their regular articles on the historic battles which took place in their area are invariably interesting.





Lodge Magersfontein: Wor Bro Johnny Cambanis (3rd from left) with Brethren and visitors

De Goede Hoop raise Bro Leroy Muller

On Wednesday, 12 February 2025, de Goede Hoop raised Bro Leroy Muller to Master Mason. Wor Bro Bradley Bordiss was in the chair and the excellent working was further enriched by a visit from Southern Cross, the country's oldest Scottish Lodge and the de Goede Hoop Temple's longest serving tenant.

Who says you can't belong to more than 1 Division!

It is common for BB to belong to more than 1 Lodge, however it is unusual for BB to belong to lodges in different divisions. In an unusual move, Bro Manny de Freitas, who has Lodge de Goede Hoop, in the Southern Division, as his mother lodge, also joined Prins Frederick, a lodge in the Northern Division.

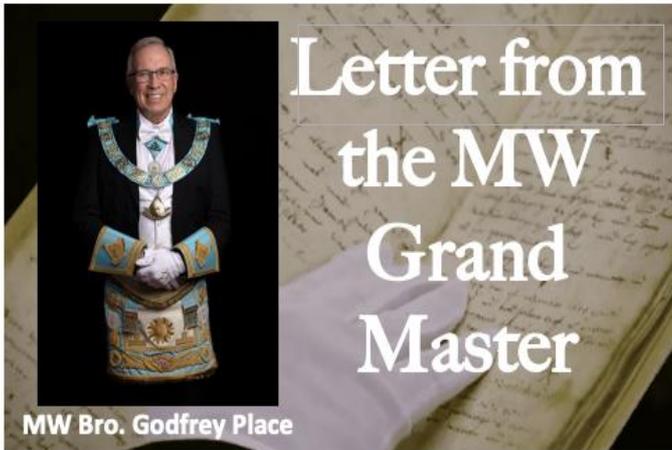


Above: Lodge de Goede Hoop: Bradley Bordiss (centre) with Leroy Muller, the BB and visitors



Above: Manny de Freitas with Reuven Coenen, Prins Frederick WM, holding the lodge apron. In the background is the MW Grand Master.





Involving Society in Freemasonry: Building Bridges Beyond the Lodge (Part 3)

This is the final part of the series where we look at Promoting Unity and Tolerance, Fostering Personal Growth and Moral Leadership, Involvement in Local Governance and Civic Activities and Engaging in Fellowship and Social Activities.



Promoting Unity and Tolerance

Freemasonry promotes values such as unity, tolerance, and respect for all people, regardless of their background, religion, or social status. As suggested in Part 2, hosting “Open Houses” or “Open meetings” will afford us the opportunity to provide the general public an insight into our honourable institution. Such events and discussions shift the focus from speculation to understanding and collaboration, as we as Freemasons create spaces where people from different walks of life can come together. In so doing, we need to be aware of the protocols to be in place at such events.

Our Lodges encourage unity among diverse groups. In an increasingly polarized world, Freemasonry’s message of fraternity and mutual respect can play a significant role in fostering social harmony.

Fostering Personal Growth and Moral Leadership

Freemasonry’s teachings focus on the cultivation of virtue, wisdom and personal responsibility. Involving society in Freemasonry means offering others the opportunity to grow through the Masonic principles of charity, brotherhood, and truth. Doing something for the good of others in our communities, such as providing playground equipment for parks in communities where none exist, doing some maintenance works at an Old Age home, or just visiting and providing some contact with the outside world at Old Age homes or children in hospital, will provide a profound experience to the members themselves, those visited as well as the general public. We should use such opportunities to publish articles in the local press or on our social media pages, which go to demystify the Order.

Our Masonic meetings provide members with tools to become better leaders, not just within the Lodge, but in the larger community. We encourage our members to embody these values in their interactions with others, so as Freemasons we influence society as a whole, promoting ethical behaviour, integrity, and respect.



Involvement in Local Governance and Civic Activities

Freemasons have a long history of being involved in civic affairs and governance. The history of our own country has seen many Freemasons hold prominent



positions not only in government, but in the legal fraternity and in business. We have Masons who serve in city councils, on school boards, or as part of other organizations. This involvement helps to ensure that the values of Freemasonry, being integrity, fairness, and service, are represented in the decisions that shape society. We encourage Masons to take active interest in leadership roles in an attempt to improve local communities, or even on a larger scale, improve infrastructure, social services, or public education, making Freemasonry a force for positive change at the community level.

Engaging in Fellowship and Social Activities

Freemasonry has opportunities to foster connections between society’s different segments through various social functions, such as acting as Marshalls at athletic events. Events such as the Cape Town Cycle Tour (the Argus) and the Cape Town Marathon are examples of events where such involvement takes place, and there are countless other opportunities around the country for our members to get involved in.

Beyond our formal Masonic rituals, Lodges can host informal social gatherings like dinners, barbecues, and picnics, where members and non-members alike can come together to form friendships. These events create opportunities for people to get to know each other, share ideas, and have fun — all while promoting the values of brotherhood and community.



In Conclusion: Freemasonry as a Bridge to Society

Freemasonry isn’t just an insular institution—it has always had an eye on the betterment of society. By involving the public in charitable efforts, educational programs and social events, Freemasons create pathways for meaningful engagement. Whether through direct service or by offering opportunities for personal growth, Freemasonry invites society to be part of its mission to improve the world, one good man at a time. It’s

an invitation for individuals to join a larger movement of positive change, making Freemasonry an important, active force in creating stronger communities, more thoughtful leaders, and more compassionate societies

These are our Almoners

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

Southern Wor Bro Llew Lloyd-Jones	072 9653572
Northern Wor Bro Joseph Ngafoua	072 0809682
Central Wor Bro Pieter Kruger	083 7973500
Eastern Wor Bro Craig Engelbrecht	081 7378289
E Cape VW Bro Marius Terblanche	082 7283201

Disclaimer: Although we try to include as many photos as we can, it is often not possible to include all those supplied as the newsletter must be within 40 MB so that it can be easily transmitted to you.

Note from editors of *The S&C*

Dear BB,

You will notice that this issue of *The Square & Compasses* has now reached 8 pages. Feedback received from Brethren is that they do not mind a longer S&C as they value the photos in each issue.

We have thus heeded your call. We would value further feedback as to what you think of this issue and if you would like us to continue in this vein. This is YOUR newsletter so your input is most important. You are welcome to contact either of us ideally via email.

Yours fraternally,

Geoff Edwards and Manny de Freitas

Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the *Square & Compass*?

Please email us on

manny.defreitas111@gmail.com

