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## Our Grand Master is travelling the world promoting the 2026 World Conference

The World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges is scheduled in Cape Town on 17 to 21 May 2026. This is an enormous recognition for South African Freemasonry and hosting the Masonic world will inevitably have a very significant impact on both our local economy and, of course, our local Freemasonry.

The initiative can, however, only really succeed if we attract as many foreign Grand Lodges as possible to our shores – and this is where our Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, is playing a major role. In the recent past he has attended Grand Lodge events in Greece and Ireland as well as hosting the African Grand Masters, and other foreign visitors at our own events.

We are opening our Bookings portal in the near future and are looking for both foreign and local support. It's going to be a once in a lifetime event, Brethren, so make sure that you are there!



Promoting the World Conference in Greece was our Grand Master, MW Bro. Godfrey Place and Bro Costa Constantinou



Our Grand Master with foreign Grand Masters in Greece



Masonic delegates in Athens, Greece



## Assistant Grand Master visits Bulgaria



RW Bro Keith Hutton with a delegate

In May 2025, RW Bro Keith Hutton represented our Grand Lodge at the Installation of the Grand Master of Bulgaria. The event was well attended by the

Eastern European Grand Lodges as well as Grand Lodges from around the Masonic world. Once again we promoted our big event in May 2026.



Dolf Rabie surrounded by his new Brethren



Brandon Daniel (4<sup>th</sup> from right) with Xavier McLeod and the Brethren

## De Goede Hoop Install Wor Bro Tony Monzoto

On 11 June 2025, Wor Bro Malcolm Gessler installed Bro Tony Monzoto as the new Master of de Goede Hoop Lodge. The Board of Installed Masters was performed by VW Bro Louis van der Linde. The working was well run and the evening memorable.



On 21 May 2025, Tony, as de Goede Hoop's Master Elect was escorted to the "gate" at the Pinelands Temple where

he was introduced to Wor Bro Larry Eccleston of British Lodge, a tradition going back almost 200 years.



Tony Monzoto surrounded by the senior Brethren

## Sonheuwel are busy with Initiations

In May and June Sonheuwel in the Eastern Cape initiated 2 new members - Bro Dolf (DS) Rabie on 13 May and Bro Brandon Daniel on 10 June. Wor Bro Xavier McLeod was in the Chair and he and the Brethren made the occasions very special.

## Heinrich Roodt's Masonic Triathlon

Bro Heinrich Roodt (Prins Frederik) recently



completed the Ironman 70.3 in Durban. He likened the 3 disciplines to the Apprentice journeys – the Swim (1.9 kms) was like the first step into the unknown; the Cycle (90 kms) needed steady effort under pressure; the Run (21.1 kms) demanded a wish to stay true when the body

wanted to quit. Great effort Heinrich – but we are surprised that you are going back for more! 😊

## Lodge Libertas continue Family Tradition

On Saturday, 21 June 2025, Libertas installed Wor Bro Duncan Kotze as the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of the Kotze family to take the Chair of the Lodge. His late father, Martin, had been Presiding Master from 2006 to 2009 and his grandfather, Hennie, from 2000 to 2002. The ceremony was sensitively conducted by RW Bro Simon Nash. Hennie was extremely proud. The late Martin, who we all still miss, would have been just as proud.





Seated are Hennie (Left), Simon (4L) and Duncan (5L)

## Bellville Cryptic Council perform Triple working

On 27 May 2025, Bellville Cryptic Council advanced Comps Kelvin Irvine, Max Derman and Hein Mulder to the Select Master degree. MEC Louis van der Linde MSA was in the Chair and is delighted by the growth the Council is enjoying at present.

## Neerlandia Gong in new Masonic Year

On 7 June 2025, Neerlandia re-installed Rudi Swart as their Worshipful Master. The ceremony was well conducted by RW Bro Johan van der Merwe while the Grand Lodge delegation was led by the new Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Frans Roodt. A highlight of the evening was the presentation to the Lodge of a new Gong which had been made by Bro Andre Swart.



Bro Andre Swart with the new Neerlandia Gong



Louis (seated centre) with standing Kelvin (L), Max (2R) and Hein (R)

## Westerford treat Desmain Lodge to a Potjie

On a rotating monthly basis, Lodge Westerford treat the residents of one of the Masonic Homes to lunch. In May it was the turn of Desmain Lodge when Sean Stuart and Marco Petronio served a superb Potjie lunch. The residents were more than delighted!



## AASR SGC visits Romania

In May there was a Conference of AASR Supreme Councils in Bucharest, Romania. Our Sovereign Grand Commander, MP Bro Victor Muhlenbeck, was there and received a most positive reception. We learn a great deal from these international visits and they are more than invaluable to us.



Wor Bro Rudi Swart surrounded by the Brethren

## Father raises son to Master Mason

Wor Bro Pieter Kruger is Worshipful Master of Dagbreek. On Monday, 5 May 2025 he had the special privilege of being in the Chair for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree working for his son, also Pieter. Never forget that evening Brethren. You have been blessed.



The 2 Pieter Krugers



## Westerford Install Wor Bro Quewin Keyser

On Thursday, 5 June 2025 Westerford installed Wor Bro Quewin Keyser as their new Master. The working was conducted by Wor Bro Malcolm Gessler while RW Bro Alan van der Vyver performed the Board of Installed Masters. Overall it was a great evening.



Quewin Keyser surrounded by Officers and visitors

## Springbok visit to a Portuguese Lodge

Springbok are, of course, our online Lodge. It was good to see, however, that they are active on the ground. On 19 May 2025, VW Bro Tony Bosman attended an initiation at Lodge Lancaster (UGLE) in Cascais, Portugal. Also present there was the Grand Master of the Grande Loje Legal de Portugal, MW Bro Paulo Rola.



Springbok visit in Portugal: Tony (left) and MW Bro Paulo Rola (3L)

## Eastern Division host German visitor



Peter and Johan

Having foreign Masons attending our events is always special. On 24 May 2025, RW Bro Johan van der Merwe hosted a German visitor, Bro Peter Gierz, in Durban. Peter is

hoping to join us in Cape Town in 2026!

## Chapter de Goede Hoop perform 14<sup>th</sup> degree



On Monday, 26 May 2025 AASR Chapter de Goede Hoop advanced Bros Femi Baiyewu and Louis Krige to the 14<sup>th</sup>

degree. Ill Bro Malcolm Gessler was in the Chair for an excellent working.



Duwayne (2L) and Russelh (3L) surrounded by the Brethren

## RA Chapter de Goede Kaap advance 2 Brethren

On Wednesday, 19 May 2025 RA Chapter de Goede Kaap advanced Bros Cornel Laubscher and Neil Gargan to Mark Master Mason. MEC Jonathan Curtis was in the Chair and was well supported by his Principals and the rest of the Companions.





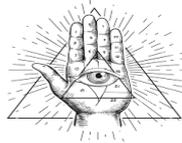
Centre front are Cornel, Jonathan and Neil

### The seniors are also celebrating!

In recent *The Square and Compasses* issues we have celebrated proposals, weddings and the birth of new babies. This time we are moving on to the senior generation and congratulate RW Bro Basil de Kock (Westerford) on the birth of a new grandchild. Great news Basil – but you could look happier about it!



Basil de Kock holding his grandchild



Prins Fredrik's new WM, W Bro John Weigelt seated in the middle with everyone that attended the installation

Benoni. Thanks to the big hearts and generous donation of over R15000,00 from many of the brethren, they have made a meaningful difference to thousands of orphaned pets. Among the items collected and donated were 71 woven blankets, 143kg of dog and puppy food, 112kg of cat and kitten food, 8kg of doggy biscuits and numerous packets of other pet treats, food bowls etc. Well done Golden City!

### Prins Fredrik Installation has a record attendance

On 24 June 2025, Prins Fredrick lodge held their Installation when John Weigelt was elected as the Lodge WM. John was installed by RW Bro Simon Nash and the working was excellently run. The installation was attended by so many visitors that the temple was filled to capacity.

### Masons don't only care about people: Golden City Lodge pet drive

On the 17 May 2025, Lodge Golden City organised a food and blanket charity drive for three generally unsupported animal shelters; *Paws Rehoming Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre* in Benoni, *Cat Village* in Petit and *Petrescue* in Putfontein also in



### Masons attend the Naledi awards



On Monday, 16 June 2025 Costa Constantinou (Prins Fredrik) and Manny de Freitas (Prins Fredrick and de Goede Hoop) attended the Naledi Awards (the South African version of the Oscar Awards) in Pretoria.

### A second Masonic Movie Club is launched!

The de Goede Hoop Masonic Movie Club in the Southern division has been running, on the second Friday of each month, since May 2023. Now the Northern division BB can enjoy the same screenings at the Prins Frederik Masonic Movie Club also on the



second Friday of each month at the Orange Grove Masonic Centre. Their first screening which included drinks and refreshments, proved to be a great success with discussion afterwards, was held on Friday, 9 May 2025 at 19h00. All BB, friends, spouses and partners and even potential masons are welcome to attend.

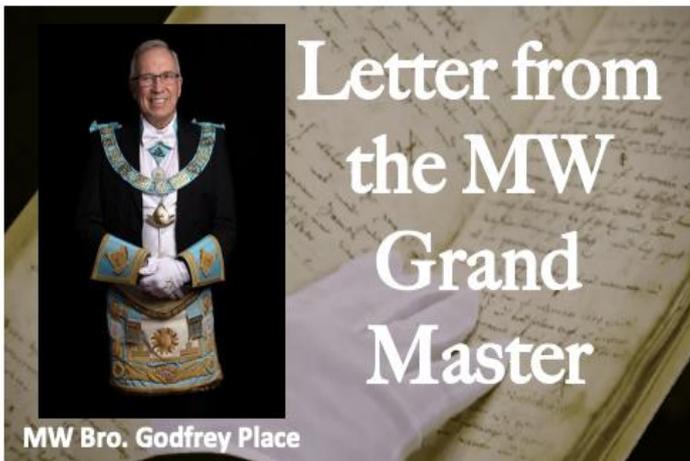


Prins Frederik WM at the time, Reuven Coenen addresses all present at the first screening

### 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



### How do we attract the missing generations to join our Order?

If one looks at the youth today, it is evident that they are searching for the meaning of life. We are told in our initiation that the GAOTU made man a dependant being. What does this mean? It means we are creatures who seek contact with fellow

humans, that in order to survive, we need human contact and interaction. Speak to many students who attend university or college, and you will see that a vast number of their lectures are held online, no longer in lecture halls or places of learning. This isolation is what makes the individual look for things and hence sees them take up and participate in causes, such as Global Warming and climate change, poverty, gender inequality, mental health, racial discrimination, homelessness, refugee rights, and so the list goes on. Every one of these causes is based on our need as humans for social interaction and engagement.

In order to attract the missing generations to our order we need to understand their needs, and develop strategies which will show that we understand, are willing to include them in our world and listen to their needs and, most important, fulfil their expectations.

### Strategies to draw in the Younger and Missing Generations

#### 1. Modernize Public Image

**Clear Online Presence:** Maintain a professional, engaging website and active social media profiles. Go out and observe any meeting place such as coffee shops, restaurants, reception waiting areas. What you will see if everyone grossly emerged in their smart phones or tablets. The modern world revolves around technology, distribution of information by 24 hour news sites, and very largely social media platforms, some of which are regarded as being part of life today without which we cannot survive, such as Facebook, X, Tik-Tok, etc. We must develop means to engage with the youth via these platforms as they search for meaning in their lives.

**Transparent Messaging:** Clearly explain what Masonry is, what it isn't, and what value it provides. The messages must be short, accurate and relevant. The attention span of the target market is extremely short, if you have not made an impression in 20 to 30 seconds, you have lost that part of your audience. Those who want to learn more will then gravitate to sites where information is presented in more detail.

**Promote Diversity:** Showcase that the fraternity is open to all backgrounds, ethnicities, and faiths. Our Lodges need to physically show that we are an all-inclusive body of likeminded members striving to improve ourselves



and society as a whole. We have opportunities to get coverage of events, such as social gatherings, or charitable initiatives, where the photographs and stories show that we are all inclusive.

## 2. Focus on Meaning and Purpose

In the opening paragraph above, we identified mankind's need as a dependant being, and that the missing generations in our order are searching for purpose in life.

- **Emphasize values like personal development, community service and Brotherhood** — which deeply resonates with the younger people who make up these lost generations.
- **Host public talks, TED-style events, or open houses around these themes.** Invite the general public to come and meet with us, in formal or informal settings. Demystify our existence. In previous articles, we addressed this aspect as being important in becoming accepted as people who do good for society and the world in general.

## 3. Flexible Engagement Models

**Offer Hybrid Meetings** where possible. These work best for board of management meetings, where members who are not able to physically attend a meeting due to geographic locations can dial in and participate. With our ceremonial meetings, these cannot be offered as hybrid meetings as we are unable to “tyle” the meeting and ensure that only Masons are present.

**Develop Mentorship Programs** that link older and younger Masons. We have been running online mentorship programs for almost 5 years, with sadly a very low level of participation. Some of the attendees have written to the presenter and said how much they have benefitted from these sessions. Mentorship should not be a hardship, but a wonderful experience for both mentor and mentee, both learn from each other and so become better people.

**Time management is important** - if a meeting is to start at 19h00, it is important that it does. It shows respect for time which we acknowledge as being valuable in modern society, but also respect for each other and our visitors. Often it is said our rituals are too long, however, if meetings start on time, and the brethren participating are well rehearsed in their parts and duties, these do not need to be amended or shortened, as by so doing, the wonderful messages contained therein can be lost. We can certainly look at modernizing presentation styles, but the beauty of the messages must not be lost.

## 4. Community Involvement

- **Increase visibility through Charitable Events, Public Service and Youth Mentoring.** We have discussed this theme in previous articles, and it is a core means of regaining credibility and relevance in our societies. We need to create Youth Groups for the young children of masons and their friends, irrespective of sex, so they are exposed to the good of what we do and can aspire to being involved in Freemasonry when they are old enough to undergo their initiation. The girls can then continue to support at Lodge events and continue to play a meaningful role in society.
- Partner with local schools, universities, and service organizations. Once again this is time consuming, but if organised in such a way that time is not wasted, the benefits will be harvested by an increase in membership.

## 5. Utilize Existing Interests

- Tap into the rising interest in **Esotericism, Symbolism, History and Philosophy**—areas where Masonry excels. Look and see how many Sci-Fi series are available on TV through traditional channels, or streaming channels. These would not be produced if there was not an interest in the mysticism and at times escapism offered by these programs. We can tap into that and attract members to come and explore the hidden mysteries and meanings behind what we do, where nothing is secret, but reveals itself as one makes progress at one's own pace.
- **Offer public or semi-public discussions or lectures** that touch on these areas. This too has been discussed before and the fact that it is included here stresses the importance of engaging with the general public to dispel misinformation and untruths about the Order. There are many people out in the general public who are looking for outlets for their desires and needs. We offer opportunities to meet these expectations and provide safe space for people to do so.

## 6. Create a Welcoming Culture

- **Reduce internal cliquishness.** Some people are gregarious, others are introverts. We need to be aware of how we as close knit units of Lodge members act when visitors arrive. We must welcome our visitors with open arms, make them feel welcome, let them experience the true experience of brotherly love during our meetings and most importantly at our festive boards. Travel the world and see how you are welcomed when visiting. Or those who are introverts and travelling, it is better to arrange that Lodges being visited are advised that you

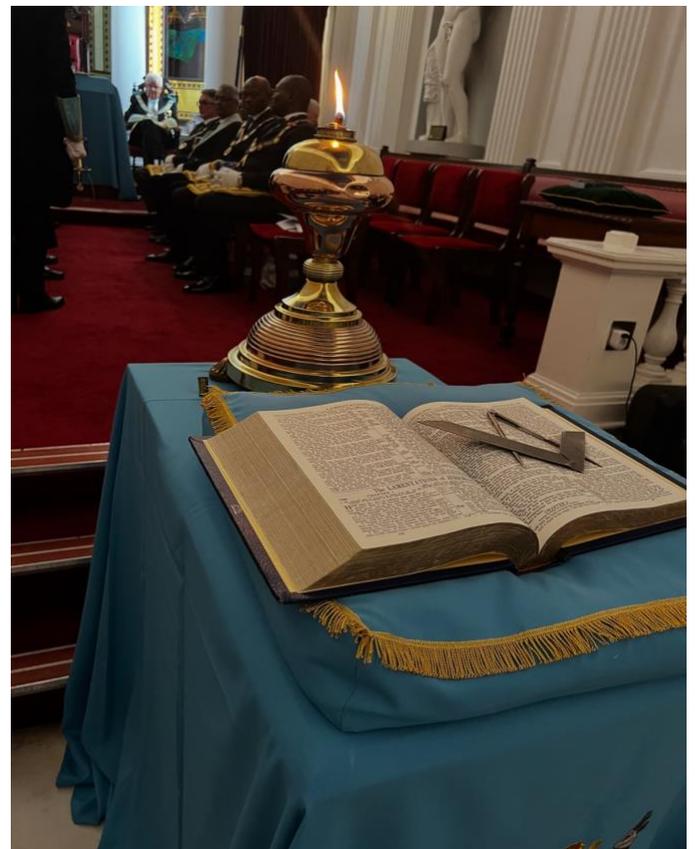


will be attending, as the Brethren there will do what we ask our brethren to do, and they will afford a warm welcome to their Lodge.

- **Be open to innovative Ideas** without compromising core values. Doing the same thing over and over expecting a different outcome is wasting time. There are many ways to travel to different destinations, the success is having plans in place to achieve the outcome, and if a particular plan is not working, then an alternative plan needs to be explored. Listen to ideas, some will not necessarily fit in with your own ideas, but to not discount them because of that, try them, test them, see if they can achieve the desired objective. You will learn in the process and develop other skills which you might not have.

- **Make younger members feel heard and needed.** Once again, our lives are driven by perceptions. Perceptions are what are formed by our own experiences. As members of the Traditionalists, Baby Boomers or Gen X generations, the sand in our hour glasses (which represents the remaining available time in our lives), is running out, and as such we have many more perceptions formed by our time on planet earth. The youth who make up the Millennials and Gen Z have not had as much time as we have, their perceptions are being created as they live each day, and because of the easy access to information, are probably more well informed about matters which then enable them to formulate their ideas far quicker than we did. They must be afforded the opportunity to present their ideas without being shouted down. Look back in history and see the shape shifters, Edison, Bell, Benz, Ford, and countless others, They were the Millennials and Gen Z of their time and look what differences they made to the world.

My challenge to all our members, irrespective of what generation you belong to, is to work together to bring the missing generations into our Order. Welcome them with open arms, after all they are the future of Freemasonry



The alter with the VOTSL in the de Goede Hoop Temple



Solomon's pillar in the de Goede Hoop Temple



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