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Grootloosie van Suid - Afrika

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

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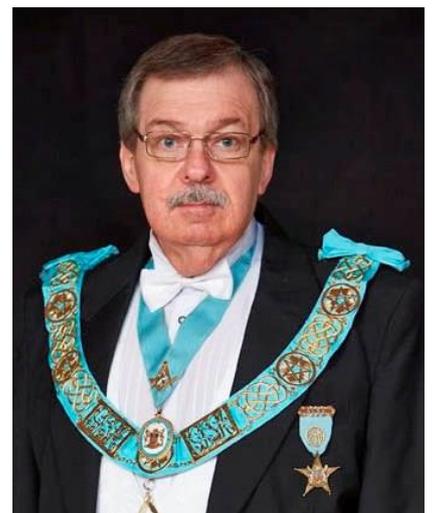
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Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika

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, nieestaanstaande sy politieke siening 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 ook 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.

Grootlosie van suid-Afrika.

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.

Grand Lodge of Southern Africa.

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
John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA**



Grand Lodge Commissioned Officers

Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester.

RW Bro B Topham



Assistent Grootmeesters / Assistant Grand Masters.



RW Bro A Jacobson MSA



RW Bro JJ Britz MSA



RW Bro GS Place

Annual Report of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

Saturday 25th June 2022

Brethren, it is my honour and privilege to present this, my second annual report. As we did last year, this report will be sent per email to all our members prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge and I will merely refer to certain highlights mentioned herein at the annual meeting.

The Afrikaans translation of this report will be published in the 2022 Grand Lodge yearbook, which will be available on GrandView and on our website. Before I commence with my report, let us again pause for a moment and give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for not only sparing us during the past year, but also showering us with blessings which has enabled us to enjoy our Freemasonry.

INTRODUCTION.

Since my election as the Grand Master in May 2020, this will be my first physical annual meeting. Although we were able to resume physical meetings during mid-2021, we held the 2021 Grand Lodge annual meeting in July via Zoom and we continued thereafter to hold regular Grand Committee meetings via Zoom, all of which were very successful.

During the past year I have again been blessed to be able to readily call upon the advice and guidance of the two surviving Past Grand Masters, being MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM and MW Bro David Duncan OSM, who again occupied the two very important Grand Lodge offices, being that of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer respectively. Most Worshipful Brother David Duncan OSM will now retire as the Grand Treasurer as he is emigrating to England. He will however remain a member of his Lodge and of Grand Lodge and I wish him and Louise all the very best for the future.

RW Bro Alf Bronner and RW Bro Alan van der Vyver will retire as active Assistant Grand Masters and I have appointed RW Bro Johan Britz MSA and RW Bro Godfrey Place in their

stead as active Assistant Grand Masters.

I have also appointed VW Bro Simon Nash as the new Provincial Grand Master of our Northern Division.

ADMINISTRATION.

Further to the Grand Committee's decision in 2020, I am pleased that we are now proudly exhibiting the Grand Lodge flag and the South African flag in all our buildings, which of course confirms our status as the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM has continued to compile, edit and distribute the monthly Grand Lodge newsletter, being the Square and Compasses. This month's newsletter will be the 125th edition thereof. They are still being distributed electronically to every member of the Grand Lodge, to certain members of our Sister Constitutions and to the Grand Lodges with whom we are in amity. In addition to the above, he also continues to ensure that our electronic GrandView system, which contains our database; all the application forms; our Constitution, Laws and Regulations; the Masonic Book of Life; YouTube video clips and podcasts; articles and addresses on Masonic topics and each members' personal profile is kept safe and secure, up to date and is available to all members. Thank you again for all your hard work as Grand Secretary, it is greatly appreciated.

Shortly after our annual meeting in 2021 we introduced "Zoom installations" where Masters elect were appointed online to take over their lodge. This became necessary where the Presiding Master had either passed away or had resigned. I wish to thank RW Bro Godfrey Place for spearheading the compilation of the online installation ceremony. While this was never intended to be a substitute for the physical installation of our Lodge Masters, they were successful and attracted a large number of members.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Grand Lodge Fund Raising Committee under the chairmanship of RW Bro Alf Bronner was eventually able to support Wor Bro Matthew McKelvey, a double amputee of our Eastern Division, when he broke the World 24-hour record on a motor cycle and thereby raised much needed money for the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. I again congratulate Wor Bro McKelvey and I thank all the Brethren and your families and friends who participated in and supported this magnificent achievement for your continued commitment and dedication.

As a result of the unforeseen floods in certain parts of our Country, many of our Brethren and members of their families have had their homes damaged and some have lost their businesses and employment. I thank all the Brethren and Lodges most sincerely for your swift response to this crisis by assisting our members and the many non-Freemasons who are in need.

On a happier note, RW Bro Alf Rhodie and Thora celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary while Bro Llewellyn Meyer and Heidi celebrated their marriage. Some years ago Lodge Koh-I-Noor in our Northern Division financially supported the Maboneng Foundation which assisted the then 3 year old Kiana Davids to undergo urgent heart surgery. The operation was a success and this little girl now leads a normal life. This is just another example of us, as Freemasons, making the World a better place.

I thank the Grand Almoner, Wor Bro Andre Germishuys, who has continued to keep me appraised of all ailments, illnesses and deaths relating to the Grand Lodge officers, even though he has continued to struggle with certain health problems himself.

I again thank all the Provincial Grand Almoners, being Wor Bro Cobis Wilson (Southern Division), Wor Bro Paul Nash (Northern Division), Wor Bro Johnny Cambanis (Central Division), Wor Bro Marais Viljoen (Eastern Division) and Wor Bro Ian Hetherington (Eastern Cape Division) for all the work you have done during the past year. I

again thank each and every Lodge Almoner for ensuring that the members of your particular Lodge are receiving regular telephone calls and email enquiries. Your regular reports and updates ensure that none of our ailing and aged Brethren are forgotten.

CHAINS CONFERENCE.

We held a successful Chains Conference in Bloemfontein during March 2022, the first one we were able to hold for the past two years. We received papers on and discussed topics like why we are Freemasons; applying a balanced Lodge program; membership; the importance of Masonic protocol and etiquette; the electronic media and its Masonic application; the roles of Lodge officers and what we can do to improve our Lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Lodge.

I again thank all the Brethren who attended this conference and particularly those Brethren who prepared and presented the papers.

CONSTITUTION.

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee, RW Bro Godfrey Place and the members of this Committee are still busy re-writing the Grand Lodge Constitution to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act. This is a monumental task and I thank all the members of this Committee for the many hours which you have spent in this regard and I look forward to reading the first draft of our new Constitution.

COVID COMPLIANCE.

As the Covid infections decreased during 2021 and as the Government systematically relaxed the lockdown restrictions, we cautiously resumed our physical lodge meetings.

I thank all the Brethren who qualified as Covid Compliance Officers for your commitment and dedication in this regard.

I also thank all the members of our Grand Lodge for your patience in dealing with the restrictions and I have no doubt that the absence

of Covid infections as a result of attending physical Lodge meetings is as a direct result of the stringent conditions which we implemented to ensure the safety of our members and their families. Most, if not all, our members have been vaccinated and while we are still vigilant and permit the wearing of masks, we have resumed our labours as per our pre – Covid rituals, customs and practices.

DISCIPLINE.

We again unfortunately had to hold certain disciplinary hearings during the past year and I thank all the members who were involved therein for the professional manner in which these hearings were conducted.

EDUCATION AND GRAND VIEW.

The Inter-constitutional Masonic Education Fund in the Western Cape was formed in 1887. It has financially assisted hundreds of sons and daughters of Freemasons to obtain a quality education and it will be an honour for me to present a 50 year long service jewel to Wor Bro Jock Wood, who has been the Chairman of this Fund for the past several years, at the Grand Lodge annual meeting in June 2022. The members of the Grand Lodge's Education Committee have continued to produce articles and addresses on Masonic topics which are published on Grandview.

The advancement criteria for Apprentices and Fellow Crafts is being implemented and is already bearing fruit. GrandView continues to enable our members to have access to notices, agendas, reports, educational material and other Masonic topics at the touch of a button.

To those members who have not yet fully discovered its advantages, I again encourage you to do so without delay.

FINANCES.

I again thank all the members of Grand Lodge for paying your subscription and capitation fees, which has enabled the Provincial Grand Lodges to meet their financial commitments. I again thank MW Bro David Duncan OSM, the chairman of the Finance Committee and the

Grand Treasurer for ensuring that the Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodges submit their returns promptly to enable Grand Lodge to comply with the requirements of the Companies Act and the South African Revenue Service.

I have appointed VW Bro Reuven Coenen as the new Grand Treasurer and I have no doubt that he will soon become au fait with our system.

I again thank our pay-mistress, the Deputy Grand Master's wife, Mari Topham, for her continued dedication and commitment in attending to the prompt payments of all invoices from Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodges and Grand Lodge. What started out as a temporary measure has become an entrenched practice and Mari has unselfishly now performed this task for the past several years.

I also thank RW Bro Brandon Topham and the members of the Investment Committee for continuing to ensure that our investments are properly and well managed.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

We have again recognised several Grand Lodges over the past year. We continued with our participation in the International Town Hall meetings and it was a pleasure for me to eventually physically meet several of the Grand Masters and other Senior Brethren, who I had met through these Town Hall and other online meetings, when I attended the XVII World Conference of Grand Lodges in Germany during November 2021. Some 82 Grand Lodges were represented and it was a most interesting and enjoyable experience. I was requested to participate in a podium discussion during the conference and I used this opportunity to inform the other delegates about the development of Freemasonry in this country over the past 250 years in general and the Grand Lodge of South Africa in particular.

The program included the installation on MW Bro Volkwein as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany and a lavish banquet.

During March 2022 I communicated with both the Grand Masters of Ukraine and Russia

regarding the war between these two countries and we received a personal note of thanks from the Grand Lodge of Ukraine.

As a result of this exposure we have Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other Senior Grand Lodge Officers from 13 Foreign Grand Lodges attending our Annual Meeting. I trust that you will enjoy our program, our hospitality and our country and I invite you all to visit us again soon.

GRAND COMMITTEE.

To ensure that we manage and operate our Grand Lodge effectively, we have again held Grand Committee meetings via Zoom as often as was necessary.

I again thank the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Masters, the Provincial Grand Masters, the members of the Grand Committee, the Active and Past Grand Lodge Officers and every member of this Grand Lodge for your individual and collective commitment and support during the past year.

HERITAGE.

We are celebrating 250 years of Freemasonry in South Africa this year. RW Bro Brian Rossouw OSM, a Past Grand Senior Warden and the Chairman of the Heritage Committee and the members of this Committee have compiled a Heritage Book, which reflects and records the development of Freemasonry in South Africa across all the Constitutions and Orders over the past 250 years. The book comprises about 1300 pages and I have no doubt that it will be the primary source of Masonic history in this country. I thank RW Bro Rossouw OSM and all the members of the Heritage Committee most sincerely for all your hard work and I encourage all the members of this Grand Lodge to purchase a copy of this Heritage Book.

OBITUARIES.

During the past year we lost 13 members due to Covid and other reasons. Several of our Brethren also lost certain family members and we hope and pray that their loss is becoming easier to accept and to bear.

Let us never forget that the Volume of the Sacred Law teaches us to be patient in tribulation, rejoice in hope and continue in prayer.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

As our Lodges resumed their physical meetings, a number of new Candidates were initiated, Apprentices were passed and Fellow Crafts were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Many lodges executed several degree workings on a single day to catch up with the backlog and I thank all the members involved herein for your initiative in this regard and your hard work in ensuring that each Candidate still received a meaningful experience.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Wor Bro Mahmoud Patel retired as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Wor Bro Raymond Eyiomen was appointed as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

While Lodges Simon van der Stel, Mutual and Johan van Riebeeck were placed in recess, Lodge Hiram took the lead and initiated 3 Candidates on one day. The members of the lodges which were placed in recess joined Lodge Perseverance and Lodge De Goede Verwachting.

Bro Gary Hendricks from Lodge Perseverance has received monthly sponsorships from certain lodges and has continued providing cooked meals for a large number of persons in his community. He has been assisted in this endeavour by Bro Dennis Knight from Lodge Marina. Bro Michael van der Linde from Lodge De Goede Trouw has continued assisting at a soup kitchen in Woodstock.

I thank all you Brethren most sincerely for your continued commitment in this regard. I again thank all the Brethren who are actively involved with our Masonic Homes and particularly Wor Bro Michael Burchell, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Non – Profit Company, the Directors and the Chairmen of the Homes for your unselfish commitment to

this very worthy cause.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

During September 2022 Lodge De Broederband raised 3 Fellow Crafts to the degree of Master Mason.

The Walking Tall feeding scheme again brought much needed relief to many persons during the last year.

Lodge MW Pretorius continued supporting the Rotalia Center for Mentally Handicapped persons and Lodge Friendship continued their support of the Thato Ke Matla Orphanage in Orange Farm.

I thank all the Brethren and the lodges involved in these charitable projects most sincerely and encourage you to persist therewith.

I also thank all the Brethren who support the Masonic Haven for the Aged in Pretoria and particularly RW Bro Brandon Topham who recently donated several board games to the residents. The General Manager, Wor Bro Roelf Bothma, confirmed that it brought joy and happiness to the residents and he is proud to be a member of a team that cares for and about these residents with the respect and dignity they deserve.

During February 2022 we celebrated the reopening of Lodge Vereeniging in Vereeniging, after being closed for 27 years, with a rededication ceremony and the installation of Wor Bro Johan Wolfaardt. I also thank all the Brethren who were instrumental in the reopening of this lodge, particularly Wor Bro Danie Vosloo and Bro Derek Vosloo, whose ancestors were founder members of this lodge.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

During September 2021 Lodge Central Free State set the example for the other lodges in this Division by initiating 4 new candidates on one day.

During October 2021 we celebrated the 150th anniversary of Lodge De Morgenster in Kroonstad with a rededication ceremony and

the installation of Wor Bro Thomas McArdle. We combined this event with the installation of Wor Bro Marius Kapp of Lodge Senekal.

During November 2021 members from all the Constitutions participated in the St Andrews School Remembrance Day event.

I thank all the members of Lodge Diamond in Jagersfontein who donated parcels of food and a truckload of clothing to the needy in the local community during December 2021. This generosity ensured that those who are less fortunate than we are also enjoyed the festive season.

In March 2022 we held a successful Chains Conference in Bloemfontein. We combined this event with the initiation of Bro Fabrice Compere in Lodge Dagbreek and this Division's annual meeting at which Wor Bro Marcel de Kock was promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The initiation ceremony was conducted by RW Bro Tommy Hardiman and several other senior Brethren and was an example of how such a ceremony should be conducted. Both these events were equally successful and most enjoyable.

EASTERN DIVISION.

During October 2021 I installed RW Bro Johan van der Merwe as the new Provincial Grand Master. We combined this event with the installation of Wor Bro Bill Murphy of Lodge Meerensee in Richards Bay. During November 2021 several members participated in the Mayor's Remembrance Day parade in full Masonic regalia and RW Bro Van der Merwe laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the South African Freemasons.

During May 2022 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Lodge Neerlandia in Durban with a rededication ceremony and the installation of Wor Bro Schalk Jacobs. We combined this event with a "What is Freemasonry" presentation to the Young Presidents' Organisation (YPO) and at this Division's annual meeting, Wor Bro Matthew McKelvey retired as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Wor Bro Eric Scholtz was promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Wor Bro Ike

Ezeuduji and Wor Bro Henry Selzer were obligated and invested as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

EASTERN CAPE DIVISION.

Since our last annual meeting, Wor Bro Hendrik Rademeyer has had the privilege of participating in the initiation of his two sons, Bro Schalk Rademeyer and Bro Adolf Rademeyer; events for which every Freemason surely yearns.

During November 2021 we attended to the consecration of Lodge Jeffreys Bay in Port Elizabeth, which we had constituted earlier in the year. We combined this event with this Division's annual meeting. Both these events were very successful and most enjoyable.

We also inspected a building in Port Elizabeth, which was a former Jewish Synagogue, with the view to purchasing it to be used as a Masonic temple. The purchase took place during early this year and the Brethren have been hard at work cleaning and renovating this historic building. I thank RW Bro Keith Hutton and all the Brethren of this Division for your enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to this project and we look forward to formally opening this new Masonic temple during November 2022.

LODGE MAKALANI.

This Lodge continued to hold regular online business meetings which enabled the members to keep in contact with each other until it could reopen after the lockdown. It further continued with its charitable initiatives and VW Bro Charles Montgomery, a Past Master of this Lodge, took over as the Presiding Master. He and the members of this Lodge have continued to promote the Grand Lodge of South Africa in Namibia, for which I thank them most sincerely.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, MARKETING, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

The Grand Lodge yearbook is not only an

important source of history, it is equally important as a public relations and marketing tool for our Grand Lodge and I again thank MW Bro David Duncan OSM for taking over the compilation and editing of the yearbook. These books are readily available on Grandview and on our Website.

I also thank the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Brandon Topham, for spearheading the establishment of certain Special Interest Groups. These now include Esoteric Masonry, Masonic Sailing, Learning Masons, Masonic Assistance Network, Hunting and Shooting, Masonic Accountants, Masonic Lawyers and Masonic Sales and Auctions.

ROYAL ARCH AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE ORDERS.

During February 2022 the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa held its postponed 2021 annual meeting. This event was combined with the installation of MEC Mahmoud Patel as the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Southern Division. MEC Johan Britz, the retiring First Grand Principal, conducted this ceremony as well as my installation as the new First Grand Principal.

I was honoured to thereafter present the Meritorious Service Award of Royal Arch Freemasonry (MSA) to MEC Johan Britz.

During the past year we celebrated the golden jubilee of several Royal Arch Chapters with rededication ceremonies.

During August 2021 the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa, MP Bro Boet du Plessis, was made an Honourary member of the American Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the AASR and elected as a member of their Places and Dates committee. During November 2021 the AASR got back to work after 18 months of lockdown and advanced several Brethren to the 4th and 18th degrees in Klerksdorp on one day.

During March 2022 the AASR held its annual meeting and V III Brethren Ron Smith, Simon Nash, Reuven Coenen and myself received the

33rd degree.

M III Bro Geoff Edwards and V III Bro Cedric Moroukian were awarded the floating trophy for Outstanding Service to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

During May 2022 the GLSA was invited by the United Grand Lodge of England to attend the installation of their new District Grand Master and District Grand Superintendent in Bloemfontein, which ceremonies were performed by the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro Peter Lowndes. He and I gave an interview to one of the local newspapers on Freemasonry. He was accompanied by the Grand Secretary and two Grand Directors of Ceremony. I was accompanied by RW Bro Brandon Topham, RW Bro Alf Bronner, RW Bro Victor Muhlenbeck and RW Bro Frans Appelgryn.

The ceremonies and the festive board thereafter were very enjoyable. We continue to enjoy a close bond of Masonic fellowship with the local members of our Sister Constitutions and I thank you all most sincerely for your continued support of our Grand Lodge.

Several of the senior Grand Lodge Officers and I also enjoy a close, friendly and fraternal relationship with many of the senior members of the Home Grand Lodges and I also thank them for their continued encouragement and support.

During the past year I have also had the pleasure of exchanging correspondence and telephone calls with several of the Grand Masters who I met at the World Conference. This fraternal interaction is enabling us to exchange ideas and discuss matters of mutual interest for the benefit of Freemasonry in general. The World Conference of Grand Lodges is held every 18 months. In May 2023 it will be held in Israel and in November 2024 it will be held in Brazil. Perhaps we should consider offering South Africa as the venue for the World Conference in May 2026.

SPECIAL AWARDS.

During the Annual Meeting in 2021 I symbolically presented Awards of Excellence to six worthy brethren, namely RW Bro Brian Rossouw OSM, RW Bro Johan Britz, VW Bro Rex Ingle, Wor Bro Edgar Baron, Wor Bro Marco Petronio and Bro Gary Hendricks.

I also presented an Award of Excellence to Lodge Jacob de Mist.

The names of the worthy recipients of this year's Awards of Excellence will be announced at the Grand Lodge annual meeting. Their certificates will also then be presented to them.

Last year the Grand Secretary identified Bro Michael Shackleton of Lodge Koh-I-Noor as the worthy recipient for the Award of Secretary of the Year. The name of this year's recipient will be announced at the Grand Lodge annual meeting.

CONCLUSION.

As we bring this Masonic year to a close, I thank the Great Architect of the Universe for again blessing me with good health and giving me the strength to fulfil my tasks as the Grand Master.

I also thank my wife, Edelweiss and my family for their continued unconditional love and support during the past year.

In Zechariah 7:9 we read: *Execute true judgment and shew mercy and compassion to every man. Oppress not the widow nor the fatherless, the stranger nor the poor and let none of us imagine evil against our brother.*

Remember Brethren, everything we do for ourselves will be gone when we pass away, but everything we do for others will be our legacy when we are gone. Let us, as Freemasons, continue to strive to make the World a better place for ourselves, for our families, for our communities and for all the people in this Country. Let us also continue to strive to make the Grand Lodge of South Africa an irresistible home for all Freemasons.

**MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA.
Grand Master.**

Jaarsverlag Van Die Grootmeester van die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika.

Saterdag 25 Junie 2022

Broeders, dit is 'n eer en 'n voorreg vir my om hierdie, my tweede jaarverslag, te lewer. Soos met verlede jaar, sal hierdie verslag aan elke lid van ons Grootlosie voor die jaarvergadering per epos gestuur word en ek sal slegs enkele aspekte daarvan by die jaarvergadering behandel. Voordat ek met my verslag begin, laat ons vir 'n oomblik stilstaan en die Opper Boumeester van die Heelal bedank dat Hy ons nie net deur die afgelope jaar gespaar het nie, maar dat Hy ons ook oorlaai het met seëninge wat ons in staat gestel het om ons Vrymesselary te geniet.

INLEIDING.

Sedert my verkiesing as die Grootmeester gedurende Mei 2020, sal dit my eerste fisiese jaarvergadering wees. Alhoewel ons ons fisiese vergaderings gedurende die middle van 2021 kon hervat, het ons die 2021 Grootlosie jaarvergadering in Julie deur middel van Zoom gehou en daarna voortgegaan om gereelde Grootkomitee vergaderings ook deur middel van Zoom te hou, wat almal baie suksesvol was.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar is ek weer geseënd om geredelik die advies van die twee oorlewende Oud Grootmeesters, HE Br Geoffrey Edwards ODV en HE Br David Duncan ODV te kon aanroep. Hulle het weereens twee baie belangrike Grootlosie ampte vervul, naamlik dié van Grootsekretaris en Groot Penningmeester onderskeidelik.

HE Br David Duncan ODV gaan na Engeland emigreer en sal vandag as die Groot Penningmeester aftree. Hy sal egter aanbly as 'n lid van sy Losie en van Grootlosie en ek wens hom en Louise alle sterkte toe vir die toekoms. SV Br Alf Bronner en SV Br Alan van der Vyver sal ook aftree as aktiewe Assistent Grootmeesters en ek het vir SV Br Johan Britz TVD en SV Br Godfrey Place in hulle plekke aangestel. Ek het ook vir SA Br Simon Nash as die nuwe Provisiale Grootmeester van ons Noordelike Afdeling aangestel.

ADMINISTRASIE.

Verder tot die Grootkomitee se besluit gedurende 2020, ek is verheug dat ons nou die Grootlosie vlag en die Suid-Afrikaanse vlag in al ons geboue met trots uitstal. Dit bevestig natuurlik ons status as die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika. HE Br Geoffrey Edwards ODV het voortgegaan om die maandelikse nuusbrieff, die Square and Compass, saam te stel, redigeer en versprei. Hierdie maand se nuusbrieff sal die 125ste uitgawe wees. Hulle word steeds aan elke lid van ons Grootlosie sowel as aan sekere lede van ons Suster Grootmagte en aan sekere Grootlosies elektronies gestuur. Bykomend daarby, verseker hy dat ons Grandview sisteem wat ons databasis, aansoekvorms, Grondwet, Reëls en Regulasies, die Masonieke Lewensboek, Youtube videogroep en potgooie, artikels en lesings oor Masonieke bedrywighede en ons lede se persoonlike besonderhede bevat, nie net bewaar en beskerm word nie, maar ook op 'n gereelde basis opgedateer word. Baie dankie vir al Uu harde werk as die Grootsekretaris, dit word opreg waardeer.

Kort na ons jaarvergadering in 2021 het ons "Zoom bevestigings" bekend gestel waar verkose Meesters aanlyn aangestel was sodat hulle die beheer van hulle Losies kon oorneem. Dit was nodig waar die Voorsittende Meester gesterf of bedank het. Ek bedank SV Br Godfrey Place wie aan die spits gestaan het met die samestelling van die bevestigings seremonie. Alhoewel dit nooit die bedoeling was om die fisiese bevestiging van ons Losies se Meesters te vervang nie, was sodanige aanlyn bevestigings nie net prakties nie, maar ook suksesvol en 'n groot aantal lede het hulle bygewoon.

LIEFDADIGHEID.

Die Grootlosie se Fondsinsamelings Komitee onder die voorsitterskap van SV Br Alf Bronner het Agb Br Matthew McKelvie van

ons Oostelike Afdeling ondersteun toe hy die Wereldrekord op 'n motorfiets behaal het. Hierdie uitstekende poging het broodnodige geld vir die Grootlosie se Liefdadigheidsfonds ingesamel. Ek wil graag Agb Br McKelvie weereens geluk wens met hierdie uitstekende prestasie en ek bedank al die Broeders en hulle families en vriende wie daarin deelgeneem en dit ondersteun het.

As gevolg van die onvoorsiene vloede in sekere dele van ons land, is talle Broeders of hulle families se huise beskadig en party het selfs hulle besighede of werk daardeur verloor. Ek bedank al die Broeders en Losies vir julle flink optrede deur hulp aan ons eie lede en aan talle lede van die publiek gedurende hierdie krisise te bied.

Op 'n gelukkiger noot, SV Br Alf Rhodie en Thora het hulle 60ste huweliksherenking gevier terwyl Br Llewellyn Meyer en Heidi met mekaar getrou het. 'n Paar jaar gelede het Losie Koh-I-Noor in ons Noordelike Afdeling geldelike bystand aan die Maboneng Foundation gelewer wat toe die driejarige Kiana Davids bygestaan het met 'n dringende hart operasie. Dit was suksesvol en hierdie dogtertjie lei nou 'n normale lewe. Hierdie is nog 'n voorbeeld waar ons, as Vrymesselaars, die Wereld 'n beter plek maak.

Ek bedank die Groot Almoesener, Agb Br Andre Germishuys, wat feitlik op 'n daaglikse basis voortgegaan het om my in te lig oor die siektes, pyne, leiding en afsterwe van die Grootlosie ampsdraers. Hy het dit gedoen niestandaard die feit dat hy self met sy gesondheid worstel. Ek bedank weereens al die Provinsiale Groot Almoeseners, naamlik Agb Br Cobis Wilson (Suidelike Afdeling), Agb Br Paul Nash (Noordelike Afdeling), Agb Br Johnny Cambanis (Sentrale Afdeling), Agb Br Marais Viljoen (Oostelike Afdeling) en Agb Br Ian Hetherington (Oos-Kaap Afdeling) vir al die werk wat julle gedurende die afgelope jaar in hierdie ampte gedoen het. Ek bedank ook elke Losie Almoesener vir die werk wat julle doen deur, onder andere, gereeld met die lede van julle Losies kontak te maak deur telefoonoproepe en epos navrae. U toewyding in hierdie verband verseker dat ons nie ons oud

en sieklike Broeders vergeet nie.

GEVOLMAGTIGE AMPSDRAERS (KETTINGDRAERS) SE KONFERENSIE.

Ons het 'n suksesvolle konferensie vir ons "Kettingdraers" gedurende Maart 2022 te Bloemfontein gehou. As gevolg van die Covid pandemie, was dit die eerste een in meer as twee jaar wat ons kon bywoon. Ons het verskeie onderwerpe bespreek soos hoekom ons Vrymesselaars is; die gebalanseerde Losie program; lidmaatskap; die belangrikheid van Masonieke protokolle en etikette; die elektroniese media en die toepassing daarvan op Vrymesselary; die pligte van die ampsdraers in Losies; wat kan ons doen om ons Losies te bevorder; die Provinsiale Grootlosies en Grootlosie. Ek bedank weereens al die Broeders wat hierdie konferensie bygewoon het en veral daardie Broeders wat die lesings aangebied het.

GRONDWET.

Die voorsitter van die Grondwetlike Komitee, SV Br Godfrey Place en die lede van hierdie komitee is nog besig met die wysigings tot die Grondwet sodat dit met die bepalings van die Maatskappywet kan ooreenstem. Dit is 'n reuse taak en ek bedank al die lede van hierdie komitee vir die vele ure wat julle alreeds in hierdie verband opgeoffer het en ek sien uit om die eerste weergawe van ons nuwe Grondwet te ontvang.

COVID NAKOMING.

Ons het ons fisiese losie vergaderings met versigtigheid hervat soos die Covid infeksies gedurende 2021 afgeneem en die regering die beperkings opgehef het. Ek bedank al die Broeders vir julle toewyding wat as Covid Nakoming Beamptes gekwalifiseer het. Ek bedank ook al ons lede vir julle geduld gedurende die beperkingstydperk en ek het geen twyfel dat die streng beperkings wat ons by ons fisiese vergaderings afgedwing het, het veroorsaak dat Covid aansteeking by sodanige vergaderings afwesig was. Hierdie streng maatreels het die veiligheid van ons lede en hulle families verseker. Meeste van ons lede is nou ingeent en terwyl ons nog steeds op ons hoede is, het ons nou ons arbeid, soos voor die

Covid pandemie, hervat.

DISSIPLINE.

Ons moes ongelukkig weer gedurende die afgelope jaar sekere dissiplinere verhoore hou en ek bedank al die lede wat daarby betrokke was vir die professionele wyse waarop hierdie verhoore uitgevoer was.

OPLEIDING EN GRANDVIEW.

Die Masonieke Onderwysfonds van Suid-Afrika is gedurende 1887 in Kaapstad deur die Engelse, Skotse en Nederlandse Vrymesselaars gestig. Oor die jare het dit honderde seuns en dogters van Vrymesselaars finansiële gehelp om kwaliteit onderrig te ontvang. Dit sal my voorreg wees om 'n 50 jaar langdiens juweel aan Agb Br Jock Wood, wat vir die afgelope paar jaar die Voorsitter van hierdie fonds is, by die Grootlosie se jaarvergadering in Junie 2022 te oorhandig.

Die lede van die Grootlosie se Opleidingskomitee het voortgegaan om artikels en lesings te skryf en versamel, wat toe op Grandview gepubliseer is. Die bevorderingskriteria vir Leerlinge en Geselle word geïmplimenteer en werp reeds vrugte af. Ons lede het steeds toegang tot kennisgewings, verslae, opleidingsmateriaal en ander Masonieke onderwerpe op Grandview. Aan daardie lede wat nog nie die voordele daarvan ten volle ontdek het nie, moedig ek julle aan om dit onverwyld te doen.

FINANSIES.

Ek bedank weereens al die lede van Grootlosie dat julle julle ledegelde en kapitasiefooiestiptelik betaal het wat die Provinsiale Grootlosies in staat gestel het om hulle finansiële verpligtinge na te kom. Ek bedank weereens vir HE Br David Duncan ODV, die voorsitter van die Finansiëlekomitee en die Groot Penningmeester, wat verseker het dat ons Losies en die Provinsiale Grootlosies hulle opgawes stiptelik ingedien het om sodoende Grootlosie in staat te stel om aan die vereistes van die Maatskappijwet en die Ontvanger van Inkomste te voldoen.

Ek het vir SA Br Reuven Coenen aangestel as die nuwe Groot Penningmeester en ek het geen twyfel dat jy binnekort met ons stelsel gemaklik sal raak. Ek bedank weereens vir Mari Topham, die Adjunk Grootmeester se gade, vir haar volgehoue pligsgetrouheid met die aanlyn betalings van die Losies, Provisiale Grootlosies en Grootlosie se fakture. Dit het as 'n tydelike maatreël begin, maar het nou 'n verskanste praktyk geword en Mari het onselfsugtig voortgegaan om hierdie taak vir die afgelope paar jaar al, uit te voer.

Ek bedank ook vir SV Br Brandon Topham en die lede van die Beleggingskomitee vir julle volgehoue pligsgetrouheid deur te verseker dat ons beleggings behoorlik bestuur word.

BUITELANDSE BETREKKINGE.

Ons het weereens verskeie Grootlosies gedurende die afgelope jaar erken. Ons het voortgegaan met ons deelname aan die Internasionale Stadsraadvergaderings en dit was 'n groot vreugde vir my om uiteindelik sekere van die Grootmeesters en ander Senior Broeders, wat ek deur die Stadsraad en ander aanlyn vergaderings ontmoet het, fisies mee kennis te maak toe ek die XVII Wereld Konferensie van Grootlosies in Duitsland gedurende November 2021 bygewoon het. Ongeveer 82 Grootlosies was daar verteenwoordig en dit was 'n interessante en aangename ervaring. Ek is versoek om aan 'n podium bespreking deel te neem en ek het hierdie geleentheid gebruik om die ander afgevaardigdes oor die ontwikkeling van Vrymesselary in Suid-Afrika gedurende die afgelope 250 jaar in die algemeen en dié van die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika in besonder, mee te deel. Die program het die bevestiging van HE Br Volkwein as die Grootmeester van die Vereenigde Grootlosies van Duitsland en 'n weelderige banket ingesluit.

Gedurende Maart 2022 het ek briewe aan beide Grootmeesters van Oekraïne en Rusland oor die oorlog tussen hierdie twee lande gestuur. Ons het 'n kort nota van bedanking van die Grootmeester van die Grootlosie van Oekraïne ontvang. As gevolg van hierdie blootstelling het Grootmeesters, Oud Grootmeesters en ander

Senior Grootlosie Ampsdraers van 13 buitelandse Grootlosies ons jaarvergadering hierdie jaar bygewoon. Ek vertrou dat U ons program, ons gasvryheid en ons land sal geniet en ek nooi U almal uit om ons weer binnekort te kom besoek.

GROOTKOMMITTEE.

Om te verseker dat ons ons Grootlosie behoorlik bestuur, het ons voortgegaan om Grootkommittee vergaderings deur Zoom so gereeld soos nodig te hou. Ek bedank weereens die Adjunk Grootmeester, die Assistent Grootmeesters, die Provinsiale Grootmeesters en al die ander lede van hierdie kommittee vir U individuele en gesamentlike bydrae, pligsgetrouheid en toewyding gedurende die afgelope jaar.

ERFENIS.

Ons vier 250 jaar van Vrymesselary in Suid-Afrika vanjaar. 'n Erfenis boek is deur SV Br Brian Rossouw ODV, 'n Oud Groot Eerste Opsier en die Voorsitter van die Erfenis Kommittee en die lede van hierdie kommittee, saamgestel. Dit weerspieel die vorming en ontwikkeling van Vrymesselary onder al die Grootmagte in Suid-Afrika gedurende die afgelope 250 jaar en beslaan 1300 bladsye. Ek is seker dat dit die hoof bron van Masonieke geskiedenis in hierdie land sal word en ek bedank weereens vir SV Br Rossouw ODV en al die lede van die Erfenis Kommittee vir julle harde werk in hierdie verband. Ek moedig al die lede van hierdie Grootlosie aan om 'n afskrif daarvan te koop.

DOODSBERIGTE.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar is 13 lede oorlede as gevolg van Covid en ander redes. Sekere van ons lede het ook familieledes verloor en ons hoop en bid dat hulle verlies mettertyd meer draagsaam sal word. Die Woord van die Heilige Wet leer ons om geduldig te wees in verdrukking, om onself in hoop te verjeug en om voort te gaan in gebed.

PROVINSIALE GROOTLOSIES.

Nadat ons Losies hulle fisiese arbeid hervat het, is 'n hoeveelheid nuwe Kandidate ingewy,

Leerlinge is bevorder en Gesselle is verhef tot Meester Vrymesselaars. Sekere Losies het verskeie graad werkings op 'n enkele dag uitgevoer om die agterstand in te haal en ek bedank al die lede wat hierby betrokke was vir julle inisiatief en harde werk in hierdie verband wat verseker het dat elke Kandidaat 'n betekenisvolle ervaring ontvang het.

SUIDELIKE AFDELING.

Agb Br Mahmoud Patel het as die Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester afgetree and Agb Br Raymond Eyiomen is as 'n Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester aangestel. Terwyl Losies Simon van der Stel, Mutual en Johan van Riebeeck in reses geplaas was, het Losie Hiram die leiding geneem en 3 Kandidate op een dag ingewy. Die lede van die losies wat in reses geplaas is het by Losie Perseverance en by Losie De Goede Verwachting aangesluit.

Br Gary Hendricks van Losie Perseverance het maandeliks geldelike ondersteuning van sekere losies ontvang en het voortgegaan om gekookte etes aan 'n groot aantal minder bevoorregte persone in sy woonbuurt voorsien. Hy word deur Br Dennis Knight van Losie Marina in hierdie werk bygestaan. Br Michael van der Linde van Losie De Goede Trouw het voortgegaan om hulp aan te bied by 'n sop kombuis in Woodstock. Ek bedank al U Broeders opreg vir U volgehoue pligsgetrouheid in hierdie baie belangrik liefdadigheids pogings.

Ek bedank ook al die Broeders wat aktief betrokke is by ons Masonieke Tehuise, veral Agb Br Michael Burchell, die Voorsitter van die Raad van Direkteure van die Nie – Winsgewende Maatskappy, die Direkteure, die Voorsitters van die Tehuise en al die ander Broeders, U gades en metgeselle vir U onselfsugtige toewyding tot hierdie baie waardige saak.

NOORDELIKE AFDELING.

Gedurende September 2022 het Losie De Broederband 3 Geselle tot die graad van Meester Vrymesselaar verhef. Die Walking Tall voedingskema het weer verligting aan vele persone gedurende die afgelope jaar gebring. Losie MW Pretorius het voortgegaan om die

Rotalia Sentrum vir Geestelike Gestremde persone te ondersteun. Losie Friendship het ook voortgegaan met hulle ondersteuning van die Thato Ke Matla Kinderhuis te Orange Farm.

Ek bedank al die Broeders en die losies wat by hierdie liefdadigheidsprojekte betrokke is en ek moedig U aan om daarmee voort te gaan. Ek bedank ook al die Broeders wat die Masonic Haven vir Bejaardes te Pretoria ondersteun en veral vir SV Br Brandon Topham wat onlangs sekere bordspeletjies aan die inwoners geskenk het. Die Bestuuder, Agb Br Roelf Bothma, het bevestig dat die inwoners hierdie bordspeletjies terdeë geniet en dat hy trots is om 'n lid van 'n span te wees wat na hierdie inwoners omsien met die respek en waardigheid wat hulle verdien.

Gedurende Februarie 2022 het ons die heropening van Losie Vereeniging te Vereeniging met 'n hertoewydingseremonie en die bevestiging van Agb Br Johan Wolfaardt gevier, nadat dit vir 27 jaar gesluit was. Ek bedank ook al die Broeders wat betrokke was met die heropening van hierdie losie en veral vir Agb Br Danie Vosloo en Br Derek Vosloo, wie se voorvaders stigterslede van hierdie losie was.

SENTRALE AFDELING.

Gedurende September 2021 het Losie Central Free State 'n voorbeeld vir die ander losies gestel toe hulle 4 nuwe kandidate op een dag ingewy het. Gedurende Oktober 2021 het ons die 150ste herdenking van Losie De Morgenster te Kroonstad met 'n hertoewydingseremonie en die bevestiging van Agb Br Thomas Mc Ardle gevier. Ons het hierdie geleentheid met die bevestiging van Agb Br Marius Kapp van Losie Senekal gekombineer. Gedurende November 2021 het lede van al die Grootmagte die viering van die einde van die Eerste Wereldoorlog te die St. Andrews School bygewoon.

Ek bedank al die lede van Losie Diamond te Jagersfontein wat kospakkies en 'n vrag klere aan minderbevoorregte persone gedurende Desember 2021 geskenk het, wat verseker het dat hierdie persone ook die feestyd kon geniet. Gedurende Maart 2022 het ons die Ketting Konferensie te Bloemfontein met die inwyding van Br Fabrice Compere van Losie Dagbreek

en hierdie Afdeling se jaarvergadering gekombineer. Die inwydingseremonie is deur SV Br Tommy Hardiman waargeneem en hy was deur sekere ander senior Broeders bygestaan. Dit was werklik 'n voorbeeld van hoe 'n inwydingseremonie uitgevoer behoort te word. Beide hierdie geleenthede was suksesvol en genotvol. Agb Br Marcel de Kock is gedurende die jaarvergadering tot die amp van Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester bevorder en is dienooreenkomstig beëdig en beklee.

OOSTELIKE AFDELING.

Gedurende Oktober 2021 het ek vir SV Br Johan van der Merwe as die nuwe Provinsiale Grootmeester van hierdie Afdeling bevestig. Ons het hierdie geleentheid met die herbevestiging van Agb Br Bill Murphy van Losie Meerensee te Richards Bay gekombineer. Gedurende November 2021 het verskeie lede die Burgermeester se Herdenkingsdag parade in volle Masonieke regalia bygewoon and SV Br Van der Merwe het 'n krans by die Senotaaf namens die Suid-Afrikaanse Vrymesselaars gelê.

Gedurende Mei 2022 het ons die 100ste herdenking van Losie Neerlandia te Durban met 'n hertoewydingseremonie en die bevestiging van Agb Br Schalk Jacobs gevier. Ons het hierdie geleentheid met 'n "What is Freemasonry" aanbieding aan die "Young Presidents' Organisation (YPO)" en hierdie Afdeling se jaarvergadering gekombineer. Agb Br Matthew Mc Kelvey het as 'n Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester afgetree en Agb Br Eric Scholtz is bevorder tot die amp van Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester. Agb Br Ike Ezeuduji en Agb Br Henry Selzer is as Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeesters beëdig en beklee.

OOS-KAAP AFDELING.

Agb Br Hendrik Rademeyer het die eer gehad om aan die inwyding van sy twee seuns, Br Schalk Rademeyer en Br Adolf Rademeyer, deel te neem. Dit is 'n geleentheid waarna elke Vrymesselaar seker uitsien. Gedurende November 2021 het ons die inwyding van Losie Jeffreys Bay te Port Elizabeth bygewoon, wat alreeds vroeër in daardie jaar gestig is. Ons het hierdie geleentheid met die Afdeling se

jaarvergadering gekombineer. Beide hierdie geleenthede was uiters suksesvol en almal het dit terdeë geniet.

Ons het ook 'n gebou te Port Elizabeth besoek, wat voorheen 'n Joodse Sinagoge was, met die vooruitsig om dit te koop en dit te gebruik as 'n Masonieke tempel. Ons het dit vanjaar wel aangekoop en die Broeders is besig om daaraan te werk en om dit skoon te maak en op te knap. Ek bedank SV Br Keith Hutton en al die Broeders van hierdie Afdeling vir U entoesiasme en toewyding met hierdie projek en ons sien uit na die formele opening van hierdie nuwe Masonieke tempel gedurende November 2022.

LOSIE MAKALANI.

Hierdie Losie het voortgegaan om gereelde aanlyn besigheidsvergaderings te hou wat veroorsaak het dat die lede kontak met mekaar behou het tot die losie weer kon oopmaak. Hulle het ook voortgegaan met hul liefdadigheids inisiatiewe en SA Br Charles Montgomery, 'n Oud Meester van hierdie Losie, het oorgeneem as die Voorsittende Meester. Hy en die lede van hierdie Losie het verder voortgegaan om die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika in Namibia te bevorder en ek bedank hulle opreg daarvoor.

OPENBARE BETREKKINGE, BEMARKING, TECHNOLOGIE EN SOSIALE MEDIA.

Die jaarboek van die Grootlosie is nie slegs 'n belangrike bron van geskiedenis nie, maar is 'n ewe belangrike hulpmiddel vir ons Grootlosie in openbare betrekkinge en bemarking. Ek bedank weereens vir HE Br David Duncan ODV dat hy die samestelling en redigering van hierdie jaarboek oorgeneem het. Hierdie boeke is beskikbaar op Grandview en op ons Webwerf.

Ek bedank ook die Adjunk Grootmeester, SV Br Brandon Topham, wat aan die spits gestaan het met die stigting van ons Spesiale Belange Groepe. Hierdie groepe sluit nou Esoteriese Vrymesselary, Seilvrymesselaars, die Masonieke Hulp Netwerk, Jag en Skyfskiet, Masonieke Rekenmeesters en Regslui, Masonieke Verkoopsmante en Afslaers in.

DIE KONINGLIKE GEWELF EN DIE ALPOUE EN AANVAARDE SKOTSE RITE ORDES.

Gedurende Februarie 2022 het die Opperste Groot Koninglike Gewelf Kapittel van Suid-Afrika sy uitgestelde 2021 jaarvergadering gehou. Hierdie geleentheid was gekombineer met die bevestiging van SVM Mahmoud Patel as die Groot Superintendent van die Provinsiale Groot Koninglike Gewelf Kapittel, Suidelike Afdeling. SVM Johan Britz, die uitredende Groot Eerste Prinsipaal, het die seremonie uitgevoer. Hy het daarna vir my as die nuwe Groot Eerste Prinsipaal bevestig. Dit was toe my eer om die Verdienstelike Dienstoeckenning (TVD) aan SVM Johan Britz toe te ken. Gedurende die afgelope jaar het ons die goue jubileum van verskeie Koninglike Gewelf Kapittels met hertoewydingseremonies gevier.

Gedurende August 2021 is 'n erelidmaatskap van die Amerikaanse Nordelike Masonieke Jurisdiksie van die Aloue en Aanvaarde Skotse Rites aan die Soewereine Groot Kommandeur van die AASR vir Suid-Afrika, Br Boet du Plessis, toegeken. Hy is ook as 'n lid van hulle Datums en Plekkekommittee verkies. Gedurende November 2021 het die AASR weer hulle werk na 18 maande hervat en sekere Broeders is tot die 4de and 18de grade in Klerksdorp op een dag ingewy. Gedurende Maart 2022 het die AASR sy jaarvergadering gehou en die 33ste graad is aan Brs Ron Smith, Simon Nash, Reuven Coenen en myself toegeken. 'n Wisseltrofee vir Uitstaande Diens aan die AASR vir Suid-Afrika is aan Brs Geoff Edwards en Cedric Moroukian toegeken.

SUSTER GROOTMAGTE.

Gedurende Mei 2022 is die GLSA deur die Vereenigde Grootlosie van Engeland na die bevestiging van hulle nuwe Distrik Grootmeester en Distrik Groot Superintendent te Bloemfontein uitgenooi. Hierdie seremonies is deur die Pro-Grootmeester, HE Br Peter Lowndes, uitgevoer. Hy was deur die Groot Sekretaris en twee Groot Seremoniemeesters vergesel en ek en hy het 'n onderhoud aan een van die plaaslike koerante oor Vrymesselary gegee. Ek was deur SV Br Brandon Topham, SV Br Alf Bronner, SV Br Victor Muhlenbeck en SV Br Frans Appelgryn vergesel. Die

seremonies en die dinee daarna het goed afgeloop en is deur almal terdeë geniet.

Ons geniet nog steeds 'n noue en vriendskaplike Masonieke verhouding met die plaaslike lede van ons Suster Grootmagte en ek bedank U almal opreg vir U voortgesette ondersteuning van ons Grootlosie. Ek en sekere senior Grootlosie Ampsdraers geniet ook 'n vriendskaplike verhouding met sekere senior lede van die Grootlosies in Engeland, Ierland en Skotland en ek bedank hulle ook vir hulle voortgesette aanmoediging en ondersteuning.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar het ek ook sekere korrespondensie en telefoonoproepe van sekere Grootmeesters wat ek by die Wereld Konferensie ontmoet het, ontvang. Hierdie broederlike interaksie stel ons in staat om idees uit te ruil en sake oor Vrymesselary van wedersydse belangstelling te bespreek. Die Wereld Konferensie van Grootlosies word elke 18 maande gehou. In Mei 2023 word dit in Israel en in November 2024 word dit in Brazil aangebied. Miskien moet ons oorweeg om Suid-Afrika as die lokaal vir die Wereld Konferensie gedurende May 2026 aan te bied.

SPEZIALE TOEKENNINGS.

Gedurende die jaarvergadering in 2021 het ek simbolies Toekennings van Uitnemendheid aan ses broeders, naamlik SV Br Brian Rossouw ODV, SV Br Johan Britz, SA Br Rex Ingle, Agb Br Edgar Baron, Agb Br Marco Petronio en Br Gary Hendriks toegeken. Ek het ook 'n Toekenning van Uitnemendheid aan Losie Jacob de Mist toegeken. Die name van die waardige ontvangers van hierdie jaar se Toekennings van Uitnemendheid sal by die Grootlosie se jaarvergadering aangekondig

word en ek sal hulle sertifikate aan hulle daar oorhandig.

Verlede jaar het die Groot Sekretaris vir Br Michael Shackleton van Losie Koh-I-Noor as die waardige ontvanger van die Toekenning van Sekretaris van die Jaar geïdentifiseer. Die naam van hierdie jaar se ontvanger sal ook by die Grootlosie se jaarvergadering aangekondig word.

SLOT.

Soos ons hierdie Masonieke jaar afsluit, bedank ek weereens die Opperboumeester van die Heelal vir die seëninge van goeie gesondheid en krag wat my in staat gestel het om my pligte as Grootmeester uit te voer. Ek bedank ook my vrou, Edelweiss en my gesin vir hulle voortgesette en onvoorwaardelike liefde en ondersteuning gedurende die afgelope jaar.

In Sagaria 7:9 lees ons: *Spreek 'n eerlike vonnis uit en bewys liefde en barmhartigheid, die een aan die ander. Moenie die weduwee en die weeskind, die vreemdeling en die arme verdruk nie en kwaad in julle hart teenoor mekaar bedink nie.*

Onthou Broeders, alles wat ons vir onself doen sal verdwyn met ons afsterwe, maar alles wat ons vir andere doen sal ons nalatenskap wees. Laat ons, as Vrymesselaars, aanhou streef om die Wereld 'n beter plek vir onself, ons families, ons gemeenskappe en vir al die persone in hiedie land te maak. Laat ons ook aanhou streef om die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika 'n onweerstaanbare tuiste vir alle Vrymesselaars te maak.

**HE Br John Smith ODV TVD
Grootmeester**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

Held on Saturday 25th June 2022

At the de Goede Hoop Temple, Cape Town.

1. At 13h30 all members of the Grand Lodge and Visitors who were not part of an official delegation, entered the Temple and took up their allocated seats.
2. At 13h40 the Grand Master of Ceremony conducted the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Master and the Grand Banner Bearer into the Temple.

3. The Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA, opened the Grand Lodge in the Apprentice degree.
4. The Grand Masters of the Foreign Grand Lodges or their Official Representatives, together with their respective delegations, were then received individually in order of seniority and according to Masonic protocol with the most junior Grand Lodge entering first. All introductions were announced by an Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro Avron Jacobson MSA.

<u>Grand Lodge</u>	<u>Delegation Leader</u>	<u>Accompanied by</u>
Mozambique	MW Bro Rui de Brito Gamito (GM)	5 Brethren
Mauritius	RW Bro Bernard Neuhaus OSM (AGM)	1 Brother
Madagascar	MW Bro Jean-Adolphe Dominique (GM)	
Russia	MW Bro Andrey Bogdanov (GM)	2 Brethren
Benin	MW Bro Eustache Kotingan (GM)	3 Brethren
Gabon	MW Bro Toussaint Moukala (GM)	2 Brethren
Belgium	MW Alexandre Cleven (Past GM)	
France	MW Bro Jean-Pierre Rollet (GM)	1 Brother
Liberia	MW Bro Anthony Deline (GM)	4 Brethren
Netherlands	MW Bro Robert Schultink (Past GM)	
Scotland	Bro David Gallacher (RW District GM)	Several Brethren
Ireland	RW Bro Anton Alsemgeest (Provincial GM)	Several Brethren
England	RW Bro David van Vuuren (District GM)	Several Brethren

5. The Grand Master was then afforded a Salutation of 11.
6. The Grand Master instructed the Grand Master of Ceremony to afford the Past Grand Masters, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM and MW Bro David Duncan OSM, a Salutation of 11. MW Bro David Duncan OSM responded to the salute.
7. The Grand Master instructed the Grand Master of Ceremony to afford the visiting Delegations a Salutation of 11. RW Bro David Van Vuuren (UGLE) responded to the salute.

8. **NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING.**

The Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM, reported that the notice convening the meeting had been circulated to all members and was then read to the meeting by the Grand Secretary. It was accepted.

9. **READING OF THE ANCIENT CHARGES.**

The Grand Master of Ceremony conducted the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Brandon Topham, to the West from where he read the Ancient Charges.

10. **ROLL CALL OF THE LODGES.**

The Grand Secretary reported that all Lodges were accounted for.

11. **ROLL CALL OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.**

The Grand Secretary reported that all Grand Lodge Officers were either present or had submitted their apologies.

12. **APOLOGIES.**

The Grand Secretary read apologies from the following members:

RW Bro A van der Vyver
RW Bro B de Kock
RW Bro N Klein OSM
RW Bro F Roodt
RW Bro B du Plessis
RW Bro J Britz MSA
RW Bro M Lötter
Wor Bro A Germishuys
Wor Bro J Cambanis
Wor Bro E Kotze
Wor Bro M Hiles
Bro C Burger

13. **OBITUARIES.**

The Grand Master requested all Brethren to stand and face the East with the sign of reverence. RW Bro J van der Merwe and RW Bro F Appelgryn read the preamble. The Grand Secretary then read out the names of the Grand Lodge Officers who had passed away since the last annual meeting. RW Bro R Ingle read the closing charge. The deceased Brethren are the following:

Wor Bro Auret Weir	Peace & Harmony	Past Grand Architect
Wor Bro Ross McIver	de Goede Trouw	Past Grand Steward
Wor Bro Hannes Jonker	AJ Haak	Grand Inner Guard
Wor Bro Eugene Rawstorne	Dromedaris	Past Grand Inner Guard
Wor Bro Graham Sumner	Perseverance	Past Grand Ambassador
RW Bro Cedric Moroukian	Cape Town	Past Grand Junior Warden

14. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GRAND LODGE ANNUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM TECHNOLOGY ON 24 JULY 2021.**

The Grand Secretary reported that these minutes had been circulated to all members and he proposed the adoption thereof. This proposal was seconded by RW Bro B Topham. As all the Brethren present were in favour, the minutes were confirmed as correct and the original has been signed by the Grand Master.

15. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER 2021 – 2022,**

The Grand Master informed the meeting that his annual report had been circulated 10 days before the meeting to all members and was included in the meeting booklet. He then referred to certain aspects contained therein. RW Bro B Topham congratulated the Grand Master on his report and proposed the acceptance thereof and its inclusion as part of these minutes. The proposal was seconded by RW Bro A Jacobson MSA and was unanimously accepted.

16. **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021.**

The Grand Treasurer, MW Bro David Duncan OSM, advised that the financial report had also been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. He referred to items in the reviewed Financial Statements for 2021 and proposed that these, together with the report, be accepted and form part of these minutes. The proposal was seconded by RW Bro A Brönnner. The Grand Secretary reported

that he had circulated a ballot paper to all members qualified to vote and that the result was almost 100% in favour from those who had exercised their vote.

17. **CAPITATION FEES FOR 2023.**

The Grand Treasurer proposed that the Grand Lodge Capitation Fee for 2023 be R1200,00 per ordinary member and R700,00 for members who are 70 years or older. This proposal was seconded by RW Bro V Mühlenbeck and approved by the meeting. The Grand Secretary reported that he had circulated a ballot paper to all members qualified to vote and that the result was almost 100% in favour.

18. **APPOINTMENT OF REVIEWER.**

The Grand Treasurer proposed that the appointment of the Grand Lodge Reviewer be left to the discretion of the Grand Committee. This was seconded by RW Bro T Hardiman and carried.

19. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge Commissioned Officers for 2022 -2023 would be:

Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro Brandon Topham
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro Avron Jacobson MSA
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro Godfrey Place
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro Johan Britz MSA
Provincial Grand Master (Southern Division)	RW Bro Tommy Hardiman
Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division)	RW Bro Simon Nash
Provincial Grand Master (Central Division)	RW Bro Frans Appelgryn
Provincial Grand Master (Eastern Division)	RW Bro Johan van der Merwe
Provincial Grand Master (Eastern Cape Division)	RW Bro Keith Hutton

20. **OBLIGATION AND INVESTITURE OF AN ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER.**

The Grand Wardens escorted RW Bro G Place to the altar with RW Bro T Hardiman as his Regalia Bearer. The Grand Secretary read his Letters Patent. The Grand Master addressed RW Bro Place, who then recited his obligation. The Grand Master thereafter disinvested him as the Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division) and invested him as an Assistant Grand Master. The Grand Master of Ceremony requested all Brethren with the rank of Assistant Grand Master and below to salute RW Bro GS Place with 9. RW Bro Place responded to the salute. The Grand Master advised that VW Bro S Nash, who he had appointed as the new Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division), would be installed at the Northern Division's annual meeting in July 2022.

21. **OBLIGATION AND INVESTITURE OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2022 – 2023.**

The Grand Secretary read out the names of the Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Master of Ceremony assembled those present at the Altar. The Officers appointed are as follows:

Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro John Miller
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro Jacques Markantonis
Grand Junior Warden	RW Bro Rex Ingle
Grand Junior Warden	RW Bro Charles Montgomery
Grand Orator	VW Bro Lenard Kingsley

Grand Orator	VW Bro Frederick Meiring
Grand Secretary	MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM
Grand Treasurer	VW Bro Reuven Coenen
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro Ini Akpan
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro Louis van der Linde
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro Dennis Benadie
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro Evangelos Doucas
Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro Machiel Britz
Grand Almoner	Wor Bro Andre Germishuys
Grand Ambassador	Wor Bro Demos Markantonis
Grand Ambassador	Wor Bro Dawie van Rooyen
Grand Inspector	Wor Bro Marius Terblanche
Grand Inspector	Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren
Grand Architect	Wor Bro Andre Botes
Grand Architect	Wor Bro Mahmoud Patel
Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro Michael Burchell
Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro Ettienne Kotze

The Grand Lodge Officers present were addressed by the Grand Master whereafter RW Bro B Topham obligated them and RW Bro A Jacobson MSA and RW Bro G Place thereafter invested them and presented their Certificates of Office.

22. **PAST GRAND RANK CONFERRED.**

The Grand Master read out the following names on which Past Grand Rank had been conferred, after which Certificates and Grand Lodge collarettes were presented to those Officers in attendance.

Past Grand Architect	Wor Bro Jacobus Petrus Wilson (SD)
Past Grand Architect	Wor Bro Alexander Ndubuisi (ND)
Past Grand Architect	Wor Bro Matthew McKelvey (ED)

23. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO GRAND COMMITTEE IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 85.1.1.**

The Grand Committee had nominated 4 additional members to serve on the Grand Committee for 2022 - 2023 and these were formally proposed by RW Bro BR Topham and seconded by RW Bro KJ Hutton. The nominations had been circulated to all eligible voters and were almost unanimously approved.

The elected members to the Grand Committee are:

- RW Bro Ernst Brönnner
- RW Bro Cornelius van Zyl
- RW Bro Basil de Kock
- RW Bro Brian Rossouw OSM.

24. **NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.**

The Grand Master requested the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, RW Bro G Place, to report on the proposed amendment to the Constitution. The only amendment to the Constitution was that of Article 24 and related to facilitating monthly debit orders for the payment of

subscriptions. RW Bro G Place proposed the amendment, which was seconded by RW Bro T Hardiman. The Grand Secretary reported that he had circulated a ballot paper to all members qualified to vote and that the result from the members who had voted was almost 100% in favour. The amendment was duly ratified.

25. **AWARD FOR BEST SECRETARY OF THE YEAR FOR 2021 – 2022.**

The Grand Secretary announced the recipient of the award as being Bro A Lucas, the Secretary of Lodge de Goede Trouw. The Grand Secretary presented the trophy and the certificate to Bro Lucas and congratulated him on his achievement and the progress that he was making.

26. **PRESENTATION OF THE HERITAGE BOOK.**

The Grand Master requested the Chairman of the Heritage Committee, RW Bro B Rossouw OSM, to report on the Heritage Book. He presented the Heritage Book to the Grand Master who thanked him and complimented him and the members of the Heritage Committee on a job exceptionally well done.

27. **ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE GRAND MASTER.**

27.1 The Grand Master presented a 50 year long service jewel and certificate to Wor John Wood.

27.2 The Grand Master presented a 50 year long service certificate to RW Bro James Duggan (EC), an honorary member of Lodge De Goede Hoop.

27.3 The Grand Master presented the certificate to Wor Bro King Armstrong to accompany the Grand Lodge Charity Jewel which had already been presented to him at his installation.

27.4 The Grand Master announced five Awards of Excellence and presented certificates to the following members:

(a) RW Bro Ernst Brönnner for his excellent contribution to the Grand Lodge of South Africa in general and to the Brethren and Lodges of the Central Division in particular by generously and unselfishly providing his own resources to initially rebuild the pride and loyalty of the members of this Division in his position as the Provincial Grand Master and thereafter to ensure the maintenance thereof in his subsequent position as an Assistant Grand Master and thereby ensure that the principles and tenets of our Order and the aim of our Grand Lodge are promoted.

(b) RW Bro Keith Hutton for his excellent contribution to the Grand Lodge of South Africa in general and to the Brethren and the Lodges of the Eastern Cape Division in particular for his leadership, courage and commitment in not only rebuilding the pride and loyalty of the members of this Division since his appointment as the Provincial Grand Master but also for establishing and maintaining an environment of trust and brotherly love which has resulted in the growth of the membership and the purchase of a new building which will be dedicated as a Masonic temple in November 2022.

(c) Wor Bro “Bushy” McKelvey for his excellent contribution to the Grand Lodge of South Africa in general and to the Brethren and the Lodges of the Eastern Division in particular by his continued exhibition of positivity and courage as a bilateral amputee and in setting an example by again establishing a Guinness World record for the longest

distance driven on a motorcycle in 24 hours by an individual. This is an exceptional achievement.

- (d) Wor Bro Marius Mostert for his excellent contribution to the Grand Lodge of South Africa in general and to the Brethren of the Lodges of which he is a member in the Northern Division in particular by generously and unselfishly providing transport, refreshments and fun on Lodge visits and thereby building and maintaining an *esprit de corps* or pride and loyalty amongst such Brethren and thereby strengthening the bonds of our Brotherhood and the aim of our Grand Lodge.
- (e) Wor Bro Jan Venter for his excellent contribution to the Grand Lodge of South Africa in general and to the Brethren of the Lodges of which he is a member in the Southern Division in particular by generously and unselfishly supporting and promoting the Masonic Homes project in this Division and managing the tenants of the Andy van Niekerk House.

28. **FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO VISITING GRAND LODGES.**

The Grand Master individually thanked the senior representative of each of the 13 visiting Grand Lodges in attendance for supporting our celebration of 250 years of Freemasonry in South Africa and presented a copy of the Heritage Book to the leader of the delegation of each visiting Grand Lodge. The Grand Master was individually thanked by such representatives in return.

29. **COLLECTION FOR BENEVOLENCE.**

A collection for benevolence raised the sum of R 4,500.00.

30. **CLOSING HYMN.**

The Brethren sang the closing hymn, “Abide with Me”.

31. **CLOSING AND RETIRAL.**

The Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge in the Apprentice degree, after which the Brethren retired from the Temple under the direction of the Grand Master of Ceremony. A group photograph was taken in front of the Temple.

MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
GRAND SECRETARY

MW Bro JEH Smith OSM MSA
GRAND MASTER

Report of the Grand Treasurer for Masonic year ending 31st December 2021.

It gives me pleasure to be able to deliver a positive overview of the financial opportunities faced by the Grand Lodge in these difficult times. The financial health of the Grand Lodge is strong and this has enabled us to continue with the “professionalisation project” intended to upgrade

the service that the Grand Lodge can offer to its members.

The Annual Financial Statements for the Grand Lodge are being reviewed at present and will be available for scrutiny by the Members shortly.

The delay has been caused, in part, by certain Lodges and Divisions experiencing difficulties in putting together their annual figures. As we have to consolidate all of the financial entities within the Grand Lodge for submission to SARS, we are controlled by the weakest link.

We have continued to suffer with reduced income throughout the period under review. In line with most of South Africa, some of our income flow has been disrupted by the lack of activity under the Disaster Management Act. This has caused a significant portion of the non-Masonic income from religious organisations being forfeit due to the ban on gatherings.

Donations included approximately R50000 towards the costs of the Creche for disadvantaged children at Orange Grove. The major benevolent project undertaken by the brethren of the Grand Lodge was the completion of the “Grand Master’s feeding fund” which has successfully provided almost 120000 meals for children in care.

The Grand Lodge Capitation fee per member below the age of 70 years for the period January 2023 to 31 December 2023 will be R 1200,00. The Capitation fee for members who are 70 years and older will be R 700,00.

As reported last year, the financial management of the Order has two aspects; strategic and operational.

The Membership Management programme, the services of a permanent Secretariate and the centralised Bank Account have already lifted the Grand Lodge to a new level of professionalism. These interventions have enabled the Provincial and Lodge Secretaries to have resources at their fingertips that were unimaginable 3 years ago. It is now possible for a Presiding Master to have membership and financial information available at the press of a button and, most importantly, fully up to date. No more guessing.

The next step in the process is to assist the Lodges with the collection of subscriptions and so alleviate their financial opportunities.

Too many of our Lodges have financial issues due to the fact that many Members do not pay on

time. A lodge cannot pay its operating expenses with their promises. Traditionally the Lodge subscriptions are due on 1st January each year and we know that everyone present is aware that the festive season is a time of uncontrolled expenses. Having to find an additional lump sum on January 1, is often beyond the means of many of our members.

It is also incumbent on the Lodges to pay the capitation fees for their members to Provincial Grand Lodge by the end of May. Too many Lodges are not in a position to do this and so they compromise the financial position of the Province.

Today we will be proposing the introduction of a monthly debit order system which will greatly assist in both the collection of subscriptions, as well as the control of non-paying members. It is not compulsory and if any member wishes to pay up front and discharges his financial obligation promptly, his wish will be respected.

The process will be as follows:

- 1 The Grand Lodge will collect the data from the Divisions regarding the subscription rates for each Lodge by the end of October each year.
- 2 Each member who wishes to take advantage of the intervention will sign a debit order form by the end of October each year.
- 3 This debit order form will be completed centrally with the monthly subscription rate due to the Lodge, the Province and the Grand Lodge.
- 4 The debit orders will be submitted to the bank for collection into Grand Lodge.
- 5 The receipts will be allocated to the respective FNB bank accounts for each of the Lodges, the Provinces and the Grand Lodge.
- 6 The non-collections will be advised to the Province, who will assist with their resolution through the respective Lodge.
- 7 The Lodge or Province will not be held responsible to pay capitation for non-paying members.

Over the past 3 years we have achieved one of our most important strategic goals by gaining an 18A tax status with a broad scope. This allows us to raise funds for benevolence that are tax free in the hands of the giver. Like all rights, this privileged status comes with responsibilities and

for this reason, we have finalised the centralisation our financial accounting processes in order to be able to fulfil the SARS requirements on reporting.

The Grand Lodge, through review of and the judicious management of, the operational expenses of the Organisation, has been able to achieve and pass on savings in known variable costs to the Lodges.

The benefit at Lodge level of getting free banking, as well earning interest on their accounts with balances over R5000, has been significant to our members. A previous expense has now become an income.

A major portion of the expenses at Grand Lodge are considered to be fixed. These include Municipal charges, maintenance and staff costs. We all appreciate that skilled staff make the achievement of the seemingly impossible a daily norm and are essential to the smooth operation of any organisation.

The financial function is blessed with a number of very competent Brethren. As the legal oversight becomes more exhaustive, the

workload in the financial management of the Order will increase and become more complex. We have to respect the financial laws of the land as monitored by SARS. The next step to be considered in the professionalisation programme for Grand Lodge will be to engage permanent accounting staff.

I thank the Provincial Grand Masters, the Provincial Grand Treasurers and the Lodge Financial Officers for their support over the year. For many of you, we have made a major break with your traditional processes and exposed you to new skills that have to be developed. We appreciate that some are still struggling to adapt, but fear not. Practice makes perfect and we have already laid the foundations of a process. A process that will ensure that we can look after the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge for the benefit of the members far into the future.

MW the Grand Master, I respectfully propose that this report be approved and form part of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

SMIB
MW Bro D J Duncan OSM.
Grand Treasurer.

The celebration of 250 Years of the Grand Lodge in Cape Town. 25 June 2022



*Immediate Past Grand Master
MW Bro DJ Duncan OSM*

*Grand Master
MW Bro JEH Smith OSM. MSA*

*Deputy Grand Master
RW Bro B Topham*



*MW Bro Deline.
Grand Lodge of Liberia*



*MW Bro Kotingan.
Grand Lodge of Benin.*



*MW Bro Bogdanov.
Grand Lodge of Russia.*



*MW Bro Schultink.
Grand East of the Netherlands.*

*Bro Galacher.
Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

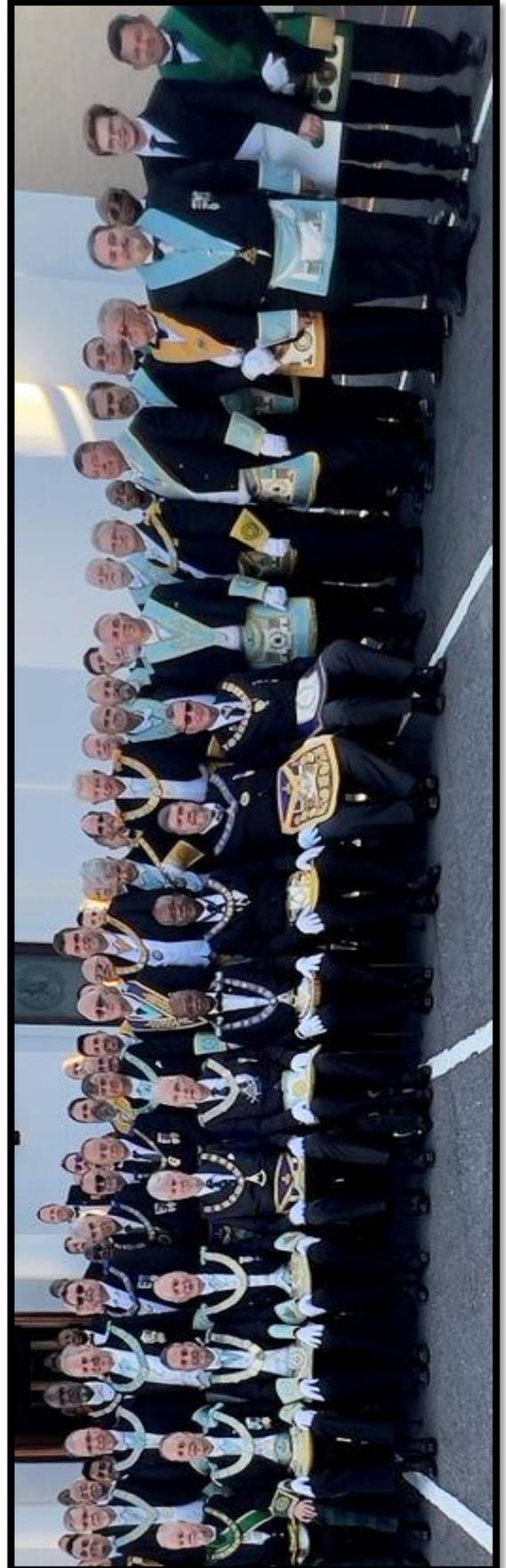


*RW Bro B Neuhaus. Grand Lodge of
Mauritius.*

*MW Bro Dominique, Grand Lodge of
Madagascar.*



250 Year celebration of Freemasonry in South Africa.





*RW Bro GS Place.
Assistant Grand Master.*

RW B Rossouw OSM



MW Bro G Edwards OSM

*Bro A Lucas.
Secretary of the Year*

250 Year lunch at Vredenheim.



*From left to right:
RW Bro Topham. MW Bro Schutlink, (Netherlands). MW Bro Cleven, (Belgium).
MW Bro Smith OSM.MSA. MW Bro Edwards, OSM. MW Bro Rollet. (France).
RW Bro Jaconson MSA. MW Bro Bogdanov. (Russia).*



*From left to right. RW Bro Topham. MW Bro Dominique (Madagascar). MW Bro Moukala (Gabon). MW
Bro Smith OSM.MSA, MW Bro Edwadts OSM. MW Bro Deline (Liberia).
RW Bro Jacobson. MW Bro Rollet (France).*



Wor Bro Kyriazis

Wor Bro Eiyomen

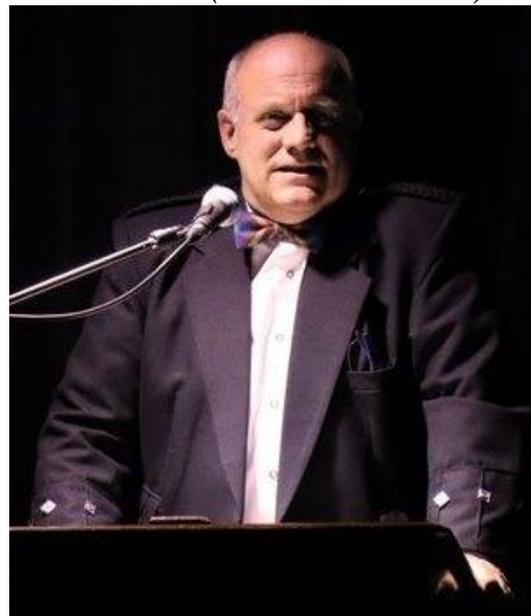


Wor Bro van Wyk



RW Bro Malherbe (English Constitution)

Bro Dobson (Scottish Constitution)



Report on the Annual Communication of the GLNF

We received a formal invitation from the National Grand Lodge of France (GLNF) to attend its annual communication in December 2022 and as we had not been able to visit any Grand Lodges in Africa or in Europe since the beginning of 2020 as a result of the Covid pandemic, the Grand Committee decided that we should accept this invitation and my wife and I travelled to Paris where we were accommodated at the *Le Meridien Etoile Paris* hotel.

On Friday, 9 December 2022 I attended the afternoon welcome cocktail party where I met most of the other representatives of the visiting Grand Lodges, including the new Pro-Grand Master of the UGLE, MW Bro Jonathan Spence and the new Grand Master of the GEN, MW Bro Leonard Jonkers. We were duly afforded an opportunity to present gifts to the Grand Master of the GLNF, MW Bro Jean-Pierre Rollet and have a photograph taken with him.

My wife and I and the other heads of delegation were then taken by bus to the Seine River where we boarded a luxury river boat and were guests at the Grand Master's welcome dinner. We were seated at a table with the Grand Master of Austria, MW Bro Georg Semler; the Grand Master of Cameroon, MW Bro Pierre Mbonjo; the Grand Master of the Ivory Coast, MW Bro Sylvere Koyo; a Past Grand Master of the GLNF, MW Bro Jean-Charles Foellner and their wives or partners.



MW Bro Jean-Pierre Rollet

On Saturday, 10 December 2022 the ladies were taken on a guided tour of the *Chateau de Versailles*, which included a lunch.

I was able to spend some time with various Brethren on Saturday morning where after we attended a buffet lunch. I was seated at a table with the Grand Master of Finland, MW Bro Jukka Vinanen; the new Grand Master of Israel, MW Bro Ilan Segev; the Grand Master of Belgium, MW Bro Daniel Bauwens; the Grand Master of Benin, MW Bro Gustave Kotingan and several other Brethren from Africa.

After lunch we robed and were assembled in order of seniority. We were able to take some informal photographs while we waited to be admitted. There were 62 visiting delegations and the GLSA was admitted as the 29th, so I was fortunately able to see the ceremony from my seat in the second row in the East.

The annual communication was held in the *Espace Passy* of the *Palais des Congres*, an opera style theatre which is opposite our hotel. More than 1000 Brethren attended the ceremony, which was conducted in French with much decorum and dignity. The stage was arranged as a lodge with the Wardens in the West and the Brethren, who were not Grand Lodge officers and did not form part of the visiting delegations, were seated where the audience would be in a theatre, which represented the West.

On Saturday evening we attended the gala dinner in the ballroom of our hotel. We were seated at the main table with the Grand Master and his wife; the Pro-Grand Master of the UGLE and his wife; the Grand Master of Ireland, MW Bro Douglas Grey; the Grand Master of Portugal, MW Bro Armindo Azevedo and his wife; the Grand Master of Senegal, MW Bro Charles Medor and the Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, MW Bro Christoph Bosbach and his wife.

It was a very interesting and productive experience where the Grand Lodge of South Africa received substantial exposure.

MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA



*United Grand Lodge of Germany. United Grand Lodge of Georgia. Grand Lodge of Finland.
Grand Lodge of Belgium. Grand East of the Netherlands.*



Distinguished representatives from Grand Lodges in Brazil.



*MW Bro Johnathan Spence
United Grand Lodge of England*



*MW Bro Koyo
Grand Lodge of Ivory Coast*



*MW Bro A Azevebo
Legal Grand Lodge of Portugal*



*RW Bro P L Pesa.
Grande Oriente d'Italia*



*MW Bro Van Eijk.
Grand East of the Netherlands*



*Grand Master.
Grand Lodge of Mato Grosso*



Attendance of the Grand Lodge at the Installation of MW Bro Johnathan Spence as Pro-Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

RW Bro B Topham and MW Bro D Duncan OSM represented the Grand Master at the “Retiring Pro-Grand Master’s dinner” on 13th September 2022 at Great Queen Street.

Approximately 70 guests, mostly from Masonic Jurisdiction’s outside of England, were entertained by MW Bro Peter Lownes.

Once again, the Grand Lodge of South Africa was honoured with a special place at the dinner table.

The Investiture and Installation ceremony was held at Great Queen Street and attended by 2200 Brethren with a reported 1600 inside the Temple and the remaining 600 watching the streamed event on screens in Lodge rooms adjacent. As usual, it was exemplary in attention to detail and precision.

It was announced that 18 visiting Grand Masters were in attendance and 30 overseas Masonic Jurisdictions represented. These were mostly UGLE Districts.



The ceremony commenced at 11h45, exactly as per the programme. The procession entered to applause and the ambiance in the Temple was unbelievable. The enthusiasm of the Brethren was demonstrated during the singing, of the

National Anthem, which made it quite emotional.

The organisation of the event was superb and the discipline and decorum of the Brethren without fault. The only change to the programme was due to the absence of the Grand Master, MW HRH the Duke of Kent, who was with the Royal Family in mourning for the the passing of the Queen. His place was taken by the retiring Pro Grand Master, MW Bro P Lownes.

RW Bro Jonathan Spence was installed as the Pro-Grand Master.

RW Bro Sir David Hugh Wootton was installed as Deputy Grand Master and RW Bro David John Medlock as Assistant Grand Master.

The installation, conducted with most dignified pomp and ceremony, was performed immaculately, by a well-rehearsed team of Grand Lodge Officers.

By South African standards, it was a short and to the point ceremony lasting no more than 30 minutes. No lengthy reports or addresses were made. The only other Officer invested was RW Bro A Marsh as the Grand Secretary.

The balance of the agenda was completed with pre-advised notices of motion being presented and voted on without comment.

The meeting was closed on schedule, at exactly 13h00.

The Installation was followed by lunch at the Connaught Rooms with upwards of 700 BB in attendance.

Distinguished BB from South Africa included representation of the Southern African UGLE Districts and of Namibia.

MW Bro D J Duncan OSM

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2022/23.

Smith	JEH	OSM/MSA	GRAND MASTER / GROOTMEESTER
Topham	BR		DEPUTY GRAND MASTER / ADJUNK GROOTMEESTER
Jacobson	AI	MSA	ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER / ASSISTENT GROOTMEESTER
Place	GS		ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER / ASSISTENT GROOTMEESTER
Britz	JJ	MSA	ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER / ASSISTENT GROOTMEESTER
Hardiman	TW		PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER / PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER.
Nash	SP		PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER / PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER.
Appelgryn	FJ		PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER / PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER.
van der Merwe	J		PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER / PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER.
Hutton	KJ	OSM	PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER / PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER.
Markantonis	J		GRAND SENIOR WARDEN / GROOT EERSTE OPSEINER
Miller	JT		GRAND SENIOR WARDEN / GROOT EERSTE OPSIENER
Ingle	RSO		GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN / GROOT TWEEDE OPSIENER
Montgomery	CF		GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN / GROOT TWEEDE OPSIENER
Kingsley	LC		GRAND ORATOR / GROOTREDENAAR
Meiring	FH		GRAND ORATOR / GROOTREDENAAR
Edwards	GR	OSM	GRAND SECRETARY / GROOTSEKRETARIS
Coenen	R		GRAND TREASURER / GROOT PENNINGMEESTER
Akpan	IE		GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONY / GROOT SEREMONIEMEESTER
Van der linde	LB		GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONY / GROOTSEREMONIEMEESTER
Hiles	MR		ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONY / ASSISTENT GROOTSEREMONIEMEESTER
Benardie	DD		ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONY / ASSISTENT GROOTSEREMONIEMEESTER
Doucas	E		GRAND FIRST PREPARATOR / GROOT ERSTE GELEIER
Britz	ML		GRAND FIRST PREPARATOR / GROOT ERSTE GELEIER
Germishuys	WA		GRAND ALMONER / GROOT ALMOESENIER
Markantonis	D		GRAND AMBASSADOR / GROOT AMBASSADEUR
van Rooyen	DJ		GRAND AMBASSADOR / GROOT AMBASSADEUR
Terblanche	MJ		GRAND INSPECTOR / GROOT INSPEKTEUR
Van Vuuren	NP		GRAND INSPECTOR / GROOT INSPEKTEUR
Botes	A		GRAND ARCHITECT / GROOT BOUMEESTER
Patel	MMH		GRAND ARCHITECT / GROOT BOUMEESTER
Burchell	MA		GRAND SWORD BEARER / GROOT SWAARDRAER
Kotze	E		GRAND BANNER BEARER / GROOT VAANDELRAER

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RW Bro C van Zyl		Past Provincial Grand Master	cor@ciacc.co.za
RW Bro BT Rossouw	OSM	Past Grand Senior Warden	brianrossouw@gmail.com

GRAND LODGE STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2022 – 2023

The following Grand Committees will be appointed in terms of Articles 21, 71 and 86 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

<p><u>BENEVOLENT (Art 71)</u> MW Bro JEH Smith OSM MSA (Chairman) RW Bro BR Topham VW Bro R Coenen RW Bro BJ de Kock RW Bro C van Zyl</p>	<p><u>CONSTITUTION (Art 86.1.1)</u> RW Bro GS Place (Chairman) RW Bro BR Topham RW Bro KJ Huttom OSM Wor Bro W Steyl Wor Bro M Patel</p>
<p><u>RITUAL (Art 86.1.2)</u> RW Bro TW Hardiman (Chairman) RW Bro BR Topham RW Bro FJ Appelgryn RW Bro JJ Britz MSA RW Bro SP Nash RW Bro K Hutton OSM RW Bro B de Kock</p>	<p><u>FOREIGN RELATIONS (Art 86.1.3)</u> MW Bro DJ Duncan OSM (Chairman) MW Bro GR Edwards OSM RW Bro BR Topham Wor Bro M Patel Wor Bro B Masenkamp</p>
<p><u>FINANCE (Art 86.1.4)</u> RW Bro BR Topham VW Bro R Coenen RW J v/d Merwe Wor Bro R Gilmer Provincial Grand Treasurers</p>	<p><u>EDUCATION (Art 86.1.5)</u> RW Bro AI Jacobson MSA (Chairman) RW Bro BR Topham RW Bro C van Zyl RW V Mühlenbeck Wor Bro M Patel Provincial Grand Masters.</p>
<p><u>MEMBERSHIP (Art 86.1.5)</u> RW Bro JJ Brits MSA (Chairman) RW Bro EA Bronner Provincial Grand Masters</p>	<p><u>HERITAGE (Art 86.1.5)</u> RW Bro BT Rossouw OSM (Chairman) RW Bro V Mühlenbeck RW Bro R Ingle Provincial Grand Secretaries.</p>
<p><u>MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME (Art 86.1.5)</u> MW Bro GR Edwards OSM (Chairman) Provincial Grand Masters</p>	<p><u>BALANCED LODGE PROGRAMME (Art 86.1.5)</u> RW Bro Gs Place (Chairman) MW Bro GR Edwards OSM Provincial Grand Masters</p>
<p><u>ADMINISTRATION (Art 86.1.5)</u> MW Bro GR Edwards OSM (Chairman) RW Bro AI Jacobson MSA Wor Bro E van As Provincial Grand Secretaries</p>	<p><u>RITUAL EXCELLENCE (Art 86.1.5)</u> RW Bro JJ Brits MSA (Chairman) RW Bro A van der Vyver Provincial Grand Masters.</p>
<p><u>LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (Art 86.1.5)</u> RW Bro TW Hardiman (Chairman) MW Bro GR Edwards OSM RW Bro GS Place</p>	

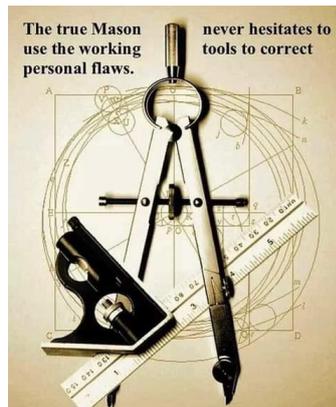
ORDER OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY (OSM)

ORDE VAN DIENS ANN VRYMESSELARY (ODV)

Awarded for outstanding service to the GLSA and limited to a maximum of eleven (11) at any given time
Toegeken vir voortreflike diens aan die GLSA en beperk tot 'n maksimum van elf (11) op enige gegewe tydstop

	Name of Recipient / Ontvanger		Rank / Rang
*	Conradie E	1977	Grand Master / Grootmeester
*	Louw MC	1977	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Haarburger H	1977	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Daleboudt HM	1978	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Levin M	1978	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Jacot-Guilarmod MH	1979	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Greenwood TW	1979	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Feintuch M	1980	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Burton EG	1980	Past Grand Orator / Oud Grootredenaar
*	Gasson SR	1982	Grand Master / Grootmeester
*	Groenewald CB	1983	Grand Master / Grootmeester
*	van Niekerk A	1983	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Hamilton CG	1986	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Violett SA	1986	Past Provincial Grand Master / Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester
*	Pretorius GJ	1987	Past Grand Master of Ceremony / Oud Grootseremoniemeester
*	Burchell GH	1991	Past Asst Grand Master of Ceremony / Oud Asst Grootseremoniemeester
*	Bauser RS	1991	Grand Master / Grootmeester
*	Hancke le R	1996	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Bowen JT	2002	Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Lindeque BG	2004	Grand Master / Grootmeester
*	Alexander AAR	2007	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
	Klein N	2009	Past Grand Senior Warden / Oud Groot Erste Opsiener
	Edwards GR	2012	Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Schuitemaker GLN	2013	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
	Coetzee FP	2013	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent Grootmeester
*	Watkinson PN	2013	Past Provincial Grand Master / Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester
*	Watson A	2014	Grand Master / Grootmeester
	Duncan DJ	2015	Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester
	Smith JEH	2015	Assistant Grand Master / Assistent Grootmeester
	Rossouw BTA	2018	Grand Senior Warden / Groot Erste Opsiener
	Hutton K	2022	Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester

* Deceased / Oorlede.



**Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika
Past Grand Masters / Oud Grootmeesters**



**MW Bro CG
Botha
1961 to 1966**



**MW Bro E
Conradie OSM
1966 to 1973**



**MW Bro SR
Gasson OSM,MSA
1973 to 1983**



**MW Bro CB
Groenewald OSM
1983 to 1991**



**MW Bro RS
Bauser OSM
1991 to 1997**



**MW Bro B
Lindeque OSM
1997 to 2003**



**MW Bro JT
Bowen OSM
2003 to 2008**



**MW Bro A
Watson OSM
2008 to 2014**



**MW Bro GR
Edwards OSM
2014 to 2017**



**MW Bro DJ
Duncan OSM
2017 to 2020**

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootlosie van Suid Afrika

GRAND LODGE RANK SERVED 2022.

Oud Grootmeester / Past Grand Master

*	Bauser	RS	OSM/ODV	*	Edwards	GR	OSM/ODV
*	Botha	CG		*	Gasson	SR	OSM.MSA
*	Bowen	JT	OSM/ODV	*	Groenewald	CB	OSM/ODV
*	Conradie	E	OSM/ODV	*	Lindeque	BG	OSM/ODV
	Duncan	DJ	OSM/ODV	*	Watson	A	OSM/ODV

Oud Adjunk Grootmeester / Past Deputy Grand Master

*	Alexander	AAR	OSM/ODV	*	Pepler	H	
*	de Wet	CH		*	Sandler	NS	
*	Jacot-Guilarmod	MH	OSM/ODV	*	Snyman	WC	
*	Louw	MC	OSM/ODV	*	Strauss	JJ	

Oud Assistant Grootmeester / Past Assistant Grand Master

*	Bosman	HL		*	Haarburger	H	OSM/ODV
*	Brits	PRJM		*	Hamilton	CG	OSM/ODV
	Bronner	EA		*	Hancke	le R	OSM/ODV
*	Burnard	FH			Hinrichs	RC	
	Coetzee	FP	OSM/ODV		Karstens	GS	
*	Cohen	HW		*	Levin	M	OSM.MSA
*	Daleboudt	HM	OSM/ODV		Mühlenbeck	V	
*	Feintuch	M	OSM/ODV	*	Schuitemaker	GLN	OSM/ODV
*	Ferreira	PH			van der Vyver	AV	
*	Greenwood	TW	OSM/ODV	*	van Niekerk	A	OSM.MSA

Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester / Past Provincial Grand Master

*	Botha	FJ			Olivier	JHC	
*	Breedt	GC		*	Pretorius	AP	
*	Cullen	JW			Rhodie	AGA	
	de Kock	BJ			Roodt	FCA	
*	de Lange	JH			Roos	P	
*	de Villiers	GR		*	Rudram	N	
*	Delport	A		*	Selke	HEK	
*	du Plooy	MC		*	van der Spuy	PAM	
*	Edmeades	HC		*	van Rensburg	JJ	
	Fourie	LJ		*	van Wyk	JL	
*	France	R		*	van Wyk	MC	
*	Inggs	CJC		*	Van Zyl	C	
*	Klopper	B		*	Vermaak	SCJ	
*	Louw	HA		*	Violet	SA	OSM/ODV
*	Marais	LB		*	Watkinson	PN	OSM/ODV
*	Mitchell	SJ			Worms	LE	

Oud Groot Eerste Opsier / Past Grand Senior Warden

*	Bain	WJ		*	Newman	J	
*	Barnard	CW		*	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			Rossouw	BTA	OSM/ODV
*	Gobetz	JM			Rozen	M	
*	Greeff	PA		*	Shubitz	ID	
*	Janse van Rensburg	PJ			Smith	RT	
*	Katz	PP		*	Spalding	DH	
	Klein	N	OSM/ODV	*	Staal	FB	
*	Maas	DA		*	van der Merwe	RF	
*	Menego	BR			Viljoen	HDG	
*	Meyers	RS		*	Werner	CJ	
	Neuhaus	BL		*	Willemse	CJ	
				*	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			Strydom	SP	
*	Henschel	PA		*	Todd	SCH	
*	Kaplan	P		*	van der Merwe	PJ	
	Kloppers	SP		*	Visser	WJ	
*	Lacey	EM		*	Whittaker	JW	
Oud Groot Redenaar / Past Grand Orator							
*	Awe	AE		*	Lawley	HR	
	Becker	HL		*	Manefeldt	K	
*	Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	*	Nel	JP	
	Gilchrist	JJ		*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
*	Gush	MR		*	Roos	IG	
*	Haylett	NE		*	Stapelberg	S	
*	Kramer	T		*	Venter	HG	
Oud Groot Sekretaris / Past Grand Secretary							
	Arthur	AM		*	Kaestner	SP	MSA/TVD
	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		*	Sacks	CM	
	Duncan	DJ	OSM/ODV	*	Salakoff	WM	
*	Nosworthy	SA			Werner	MJO	
Oud Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremony							
*	Cahill	ER		*	Kotze	M	
*	Crofton	S			MacIntosh	GA	
	Ellman	P		*	Olpin	PM	
*	Fourie	GP		*	Whiting	CW	
	Futter	G		*	Wilner	S	
	Gillwald	FN					

Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony							
*	Daniels	CRJ		*	Kleinhans	TD	
*	Ahrens	HW		*	Lewin	D	
*	Bergman	P		*	Oberholster	O	
*	Coetzer	JJ		*	Peterson	RF	
*	Erasmus	DJA		*	Potgeiter	AD	
	Fourie	JPN		*	Roode	BJ	
*	Froneman	CDS		*	Schroder	PJ	
*	Haasbroek	J		*	Schultz	HW	
	Heckmann	CCR		*	Scott	de B	
*	Henning	PJ		*	Wethmar	HA	
*	Kaestner	LH					
Oud Groot Almoesener / Past Grand Almoner							
*	Allan	IR		*	Moroukian	CL	
*	Cross	GH			Schreuder	RW	
*	Eastham	CT			Steyn	JF	
*	Franken	P		*	Supra	R	
*	Keane Murphy	IAL					
*	Longhurst	WT					
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	
*	Lee	CA					
Oud Groot Boumeester / Past Grand Architect							
*	Austin	WA		*	Penchars	BJ	
*	Blignaut	E		*	Robertson	AF	
*	Jorritsma	E		*	Slabbert	EL	
*	Loxton	RT			Kotze	JH	
Oud Groot Swaarddraer / Past Grand Sword Bearer							
	Allan	A		*	Giesler	RA	
*	Blitz	J		*	Luyt	A	
*	Bloom	M			McKenzie	E	

*	Brink	W		*	Miller	MJ	
	Coe	CJG		*	Morgenrood	CBSnr	
*	de Klerk	IZ			Prinsloo	MJ jnr	
*	du Plooy	EDC		*	van Heerden	AG	
*	du Toit	DE		*	Wentzel	R	
	Fourie	A					
Oud Groot Vaandeldraer / Past Grand Banner Bearer							
	Norris	CW		*	Levitt	HL	
*	Breetzke	NE		*	Perkins	JFC	
*	Geisler	RA		*	Rosch	AJ	
*	Hobson	GC		*	Rothman	CR	
*	Joubert	JM		*	Smulowitz	P	
Oud Groot Direkteur van Musiek / Past Grand Director of Music							
*	Banks	W			Morrison	RA	
*	Breedt	GPA			Scheffer	W	
*	Bussy	BR			Stemmet	DJ	
*	Cross	RF		*	Thompson	RJ	
*	de Jager	JG			Victor	JHJ	
	Ladbrook	RH			Wilken	P	
	Leal	LdeV					
Oud Groot Binnewagte / Past Grand Inner Guard							
*	Brasler	WA		*	Rawstorne	EC	
*	de Meyer	JPJ		*	Reid	MB	
*	Dickson	BR		*	Scheepers	JM	
	du Preez	JP			van Rensburg	D	
*	Jacobs	JA			Viviers	GJ	
*	Jonker	JP		*	Vogt	RR	
*	Kemp	BS			Wood	JL	
Oud Groot Buitewag / Past Grand Tyler							
	Byleveldt	M		*	Prinsloo	MJsnr	
	Cronje	JP			Smit	HP	
	De Noon	D			Verheijen	RE	
*	Kammerman	PA		*	Wilson	RAB	
*	Pretorius	GJ	OSM/ODV				
Oud Groot Hofmeester / Past Grand Steward							
*	Badenhorst	IC			Johnson	WC	
*	Barreira	DC		*	Kaplan	A	
	Barry	TJ		*	Katz	R	
*	Bartlett	HD		*	Kersh	G	
*	Bell	IM		*	Kloppers	GWP	
	Berman	A		*	Lake	AJ	
*	Botha	C		*	Lampert	WG	
*	Bouwer	S		*	Larsen	CA	
	Brenner	JC		*	Lazarow	ZL	
*	Buisansky	M		*	Levy	JB	
*	Burchell	GH	OSM/ODV	*	Lewis	N	MSA/TVD
*	Butters	CT			Lewis	S	
*	Calitz	AJ		*	Louis	SL	
	Cilliers	AC		*	Lubowski	AJ	

	Cooper	S		*	McCullum	JW	
	Cotter	W			McHardy	JC	
*	de Klerk	JC			McKelvey	MJ	
*	de Wigt	JAJ		*	Mirfin	LH	
*	de Wit	JJ			Porter	WSH	
*	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			van Rooyen	AM	
*	Foye	D			Verster	GP	
*	Gray	M		*	Viljoen	NL	
*	Grobler	LM			Visser	G	
*	Groenewald	PL		*	Wagemaker	J	
	Haggerty	TA		*	Widmonte	R	
	Haupt	AH		*	Wilken	EJWJ	
	Hopf	HPJ		*	Wolman	IS	
	Israel	M			Zweigelaar	H	
*	Jacobs	WD					
*	Jacobson	SGS					
* Deceased / Oorlede.							

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Oud Grootmeester / Past Grand Master Conferred							
*	Rose	JG					
Oud Adjunk Grootmeester / Past Deputy Grand Master Conferred							
*	Levin	M	OSM MSA				
*	van Niekerk	A	OSM MSA				
Oud Groot Eerste Opsier / Past Grand Senior Warden conferred							
*	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	
Oud Groot Tweede Opsier / Past Grand Junior Warden Conferred							

*	Adendorf	MJ		*	Milanesi	M	
*	Amoils	S		*	Moroukian	C	
	Becker	HL		*	Myburgh	BC	
	Botha	TJGV		*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
*	Burchell	GH	OSM/ODV	*	Pistorius	FWT	
*	Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	*	Prentzler	W	
*	Cahill	EA		*	Raymond	RS	
*	Crofton	S			Smit	HPJJ	MSA/TVD
*	Davel	JC		*	Spies	BDJ	
	du Plessis	AB			Strydom	SP	
	Fourie	JN		*	van der Merwe	DS	
*	Gould	L		*	van der Vyver	V	
*	Human	JA		*	van Zyl	PdeW	
*	Johnson	BC		*	Vassiliades	T	
*	Kaestner	SP	MSA/TVD	*	Wellish	W	
*	Kitay	EG		*	Wolman	IS	
*	Manefeldt	KP					

Oud Groot Redenaar / Past Grand Orator Conferred

	Arthur	AM		*	Louis	SL	
*	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	MSA/TVD	*	Stam	JJ	
*	Linde	JJ		*	Swanepoel	EA	
*	Louis	L		*	Whiting	CW	

Oud Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremony Conferred

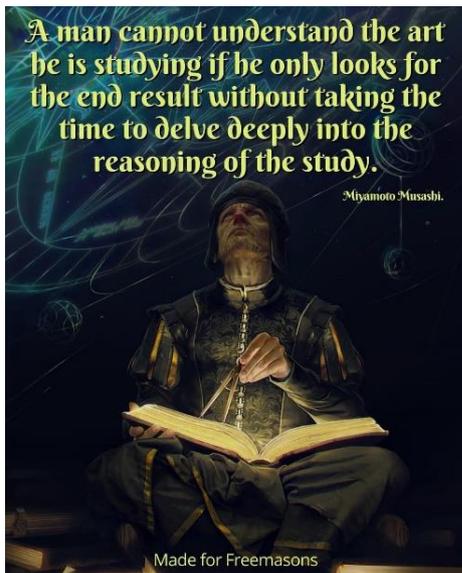
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*	Beumer	HL		*	Mirfin	LH	
*	Briscoe	WJA		*	Moroukian	CL	
	Cronje	JP		*	Neethling	JJF	
*	de Jager	JL		*	Odendaal	F	
	de Klerk	MCL			Olpin	P	
	du Toit	JJ		*	Roussouw	FP	
	Engelbrecht	JA		*	Roussouw	GP	
*	Gilson	WJA		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Gray	W		*	Scott	de 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	

Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony Conferred							
*	Borrowman	D		*	Shields	SET	
*	Klemptner	WHA			Wade	DFW	
Oud Groot Eerste Geleier / Past Grand First Preparator Conferred							
*	Annandale	CF		*	van der Merwe	PHG	
*	Powell	BJ					
Oud Groot Almoesener / Past Grand Almoner Conferred							
	Brenner	B		*	Leary	N	
	Finnern	H			Mare	FR	
Oud Groot Ambassadeur / Past Grand Ambassador Conferred							
*	Bartlett	HD		*	Nestadt	M	
	Carstens	B		*	Papavarnavas	PS	
*	Cooper	AA			Peacock	JM	
*	de Jager	J		*	Shapiro	S	
*	Hermanson	WC		*	Singer	B	
	Jacobs	JJ		*	Sumner	GH	
*	Lazarow	ZL			van Rensburg	D	
*	Lokker	FW		*	van Wyk	DIS	
	Lombaard	JA		*	Vlismas	JS	
	Lutrin	I			Watkins	M	
*	Muller	PW		*	Widmore	R	
Oud Groot Inspekteur / Past Grand Inspector Conferred							
*	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	
Oud Groot Boumeester / Past Grand Architect Conferred							
*	Bloom	M			NduBuisi	A	
*	Brink	W			Nothnagel	GC	
*	Buirski	J		*	Ressell	I	
	Coe	CJG			Rudman	L	
	de Kock	M		*	Scheepers	JM	
*	du Toit	DE			Smit	AJ	
	Engelbrecht	A			Smit	DS	
	Fourie	A			van den Berg	SL	
	Futter	GM			van der Velden	JD	

	Gouws	P			van Loggerenberg	CJM	
	Katumbay	A			van Vuuren	NP	
	Mathysen	JJ			Venter	JSC	
	McKelvey	M			Vosloo	DJ	
*	Mouton	C		*	Weir	A	
	Mulder	S		*	Wentzel	R	
	Murphy	W			White	KMP	
					Wilson	JP	
Oud Groot Swaarddraer / Past Grand Sword Bearer Conferred							
*	Brecher	BG		*	Joubert	JM	
	Grobler	WJ		*	Vosloo	GS	
*	Gulbranson	H			Walt	A	
Oud Groot Vaandeldraer / Past Grand Banner Bearer Conferred							
	Cilliers	AC		*	Kemp	BS	
	Cooper	S		*	Loock	FB	
*	Davies	ET		*	Merselaar	AC	
*	de Witt	JAJ			Schreuder	R	
	Dennison	JCJ		*	Smith	AG	
*	Dickson	B			Taul	FE	
	Jooste	PC		*	van Vuuren	T	
Oud Groot Binnewagte / Past Grand Inner Guard Conferred							
*	Badenhorst	IC		*	Lello	MJ	
*	Butters	CT		*	Levin	RS	
	Coetzee	P		*	Mizon	A	
	du Plessis	SC			Rom	P	
	Els	BW		*	Rosenthal	EJ	
	Esau	R		*	Smith	V	
*	Gray	M			Tabanelli	FJ	
*	Greeff	P			van Zyl	F	
	Jacobs	W			Visagie	M	
	Johnson	WC			Whale	RAB	
	Kaganson	S		*	Wilson		
*	Kaplan	A					
Oud Groot Buitewag / Past Grand Tyler Conferred							
*	Gerson	A		*	Schmuck	WN	
	Nayman	A			Slabbert	D	
Oud Groot Hofmeester / Past Grand Steward Conferred							
	Archer	HW		*	McIver	DR	
	Audie	E		*	Metcalfe	M	
	Block	M			Morony	S	
*	Bosman	IDW			Nell	BJ	
*	Brits	FBJ			Newton	LCJ	
*	Brown	EM		*	Opperman	D	
	Cambanis	JC			Peggs	FWT	

	Caplan	D			Pistorius	SD	
	Coetzee	J		*	Rinquist	J	
*	Coetzer	PA			Roos	PP	
	Cohen	FH		*	Rossouw	J	
*	Cohen	J		*	Rubenstein		
	Cohen	M		*	Sandler	D	
	Combrink	J		*	Shein	G	
*	Cowan	NC			Sher	M	
	de Bruyn	D		*	Snyman	J	
	de Jager	FH		*	Staub	P	
	Els	F			Strauss	AJ	
	Erasmus	GM			van Burick	NL	
*	Esterhuizen	WM			van der Walt	HP	
	Feigel	EM			van Niekerk	JM	
*	Ferreira	S			van Rooyen	EA	
	Gillmer	R			van Rooyen	P	
*	Hollevoet	P		*	van Zyl	A	
	Insley	FT		*	Veitch	F	
	James	A			Vermaak	T	
	Kerwan	L			Voigt	D	
	Kotze	E		*	von Brandis	MF	
	le Roux	PJ			Westwood	p	
*	Levitt	CB			Westwood	WJ	
*	Lindeijer	JA			Wilkin	GJ	
	Lloyd-Jones	L		*	Williams	DE	
	Louw	RNP			Williams	ES	
*	MacMaster	MG		*	Wright	J	
*	Mankowitz	S		*	Wydeman	HP	
	Marais	FJ		*	Zwart	JN	
	McFarlane	CM					

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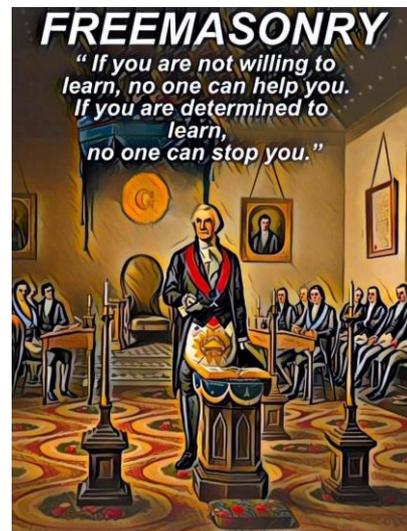
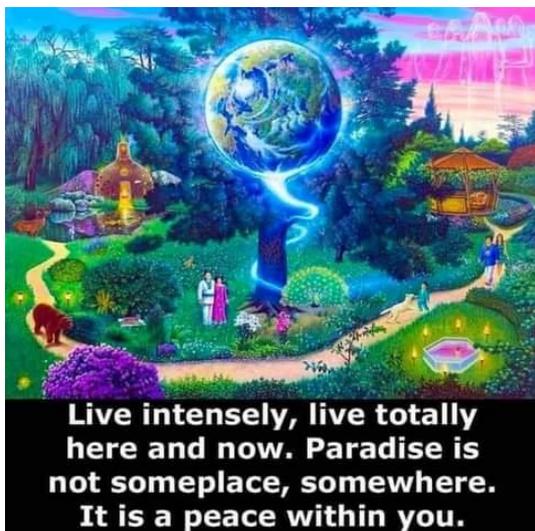
Sister Grand Lodges in amity and Grand Lodge Representative.

Region	Grand Lodge	Consecrated	2022
United Kingdom	England	1717	Smith JEH OSM MSA
United Kingdom	Ireland	1725	Edwards GR OSM
United Kingdom	Scotland	1736	Duncan DJ OSM
Africa	Benin	1995	Edwards GR OSM
Africa	Burkina Faso	1977	Akpan I
Africa	Cameroon	2001	Akpan I
Africa	Congo (Brazzaville)	2000	Coetzee FPC OSM
Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	1989	Akpan I
Africa	Djibouti	2000	Duncan DJ OSM
Africa	Gabon	1981	Coetzee FPC OSM
Africa	Ghana	2009	Duncan DJ OSM
Africa	Guinea (Grand Lodge Nationale)	1998	Duncan DJ OSM
Africa	Liberia	1867	Hutton KS
Africa	Madagascar (Grande Loge Nationale)	1996	Calvet N
Africa	Mali (Grande Loge Nationale)	1999	Akpan I
Africa	Mauritius	2005	Neuhaus BL
Africa	Morocco (Regular Gand Lodge)	2000	Muhlenbeck FMV
Africa	Mozambique	2009	Neuhaus BL
Africa	Niger	2001	Duncan DJ OSM
Africa	Nigeria	2012	Akpan I
Africa	Senegal	1993	Akpan I
Africa	Togo (Grande Loge Nationale)	1992	Duncan DJ OSM
Asia	China	1949	Appelgryn F
Asia	India	1961	Muhlenbeck FMV
Asia	Iran (in exile)	1969	Topham BR
Asia	Israel	1953	Jacobson AI MSA
Asia	Japan	1957	Appelgryn F
Asia	Lebanon	2018	Duncan DJ OSM
Asia	Philippines	1912	Hardiman TW
Asia	Russia (Grand Lodge)	1995	Duncan DJ OSM
Asia	Turkey	1909	Hutton KS
Australasia	New South Wales & ACT	1888	Duncan DJ OSM
Australasia	New Zealand	1890	Topham BR
Australasia	Queensland	1921	de Kock BJ
Australasia	S Australia & N Territories	1884	Edwards GR OSM
Australasia	Tasmania	1890	Ingle RSO
Australasia	Victoria	1889	Ingle RSO
Australasia	Western Australia	1900	Coetzee FPC OSM
Canada	Alberta	1905	Place GS
Canada	British Columbia & Yukon	1871	Place GS

Canada	GL Canada - Prov of Ontario	1852	Jacobson AI MSA
Canada	Manitoba	1875	Duncan DJ OSM
Canada	New Brunswick	1867	van der Vyver A
Canada	Newfoundland & Labrador	1997	Rozen M
Canada	Nova Scotia	1866	Place GS
Canada	Prince Edward Island	1775	Norris CW
Canada	Quebec	1869	Duncan DJ OSM
Canada	Saskatchewan	1906	Place GS
Europe	Andora	2000	Markantonis J
Europe	Austria	1918	Duncan DJ OSM
Europe	Belgium (Regular Grand Lodge)	1833	Bronner EA
Europe	Bulgaria (United Grand Lodge)	2001	Hutton KS OSM
Europe	Cyprus	2006	Markantonis D
Europe	Czech Republic (Grand Lodge)	1923	Montgomery CF
Europe	Denmark	1743	Duncan DJ OSM
Europe	Estonia (Grand Lodge)	1999	Duncan DJ OSM
Europe	Finland	1924	Duncan DJ OSM
Europe	France (GLNF)	1913	Smith JEH OSM MSA
Europe	Georgia (United Grand Lodge)	2018	Topham BR
Europe	Germany (United Grand Lodge)	2002	Muhlenbeck FMV
Europe	Greece (National Grand Lodge)	1986	Markantonis D
Europe	Hungary (Symbolic Grand Lodge)	1886	Appelgryn F
Europe	Iceland	1951	de Kock BJ
Europe	Italy (Grand Orient)	1805	Doucas E
Europe	Lithuania	2002	Duncan DJ OSM
Europe	Luxemburg	1803	Hardiman TW
Europe	Malta (Sovereign Grand Lodge)	2004	Britz JJ
Europe	Netherlands (Grand East)	1756	Smith JEH OSM MSA
Europe	Norway (Norwegian Order of Freemasons)	1891	Hardiman TW
Europe	Poland (National Grand Lodge)	1781	Schreuder R
Europe	Portugal (Legal Regular Grand Lodge)	1991	Edwards GR OSM
Europe	Romania (National Grand Lodge)	1993	Bronner EA
Europe	San Marino (Most Serene Republic)	2003	Britz JJ
Europe	Serbia (Regular Grand Lodge)	1919	Rossouw BTA OSM
Europe	Spain	1982	Klein N OSM
Europe	Switzerland (G L Alpina)	1844	Jacobson AI MSA

Europe	Ukraine	1919	Norris CW
North America	Costa Rica	1899	Smith RT
North America	El Salvador (Grand Lodge. Cuscatlan)	1912	Miller JT
North America	Honduras	1922	van der Merwe J
North America	Mexico - Baja California Sur	1978	Jacobson AI MSA
North America	Mexico (York Grand Lodge.)	1862	Burchell MA
North America	Puerto Rico (Gran Logia Soberana)	1898	Botes A
South America	Argentina	1857	Edwards GR OSM
South America	Bolivia	1929	Klein N OSM
South America	Brasil. (Grand Orient)	1822	Duncan DJ OSM
South America	Chile	1862	Roos P
South America	Colombia (at Barranquilla)	1918	Miller JT
South America	Colombia (at Bogota)	1922	Kingsley LC
South America	Ecuador (GLEDE)	1979	Duncan DJ OSM
South America	Ecuador (Grand Lodge)	1921	Britz JJ
South America	Mato Grosso (Estado de)	1972	Duncan DJ OSM
South America	Peru	1882	Roos P
South America	Rio de Janeiro (Grand Lodge, Maconica)	1927	Jacobson AI MSA
South America	Sao Paulo (Grand Lodge. Maconica)	1927	van der Merwe J
South America	Uruguay	1856	Vacant
South America	Venezuela	1824	Vacant
United States of America	Alabama	1824	Edwards GR OSM
United States of America	Alaska	1981	Klein N OSM
United States of America	Arizona	1882	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	Arkansas	1838	Bronner EA
United States of America	California	1850	Hardiman TW
United States of America	Colorado	1861	Hutton KS
United States of America	Connecticut	1789	Edwards GR OSM
United States of America	Connecticut - Prince Hall	1873	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	Delaware	1806	van der Vyver A
United States of America	Florida	1830	Germishuys A
United States of America	Georgia	1786	** No exchange **
United States of America	Hawaii	1989	Nash S
United States of America	Idaho	1867	Montgomery CF
United States of America	Illinois	1840	Rozen M
United States of America	Indiana	1818	van der Vyver A
United States of America	Iowa	1844	** No exchange **
United States of America	Kansas	1856	van der Vyver A
United States of America	Kentucky	1800	Mourokian C
United States of America	Louisiana	1812	Van Zyl C
United States of America	Maine	1820	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	Maryland	1787	Akpan I
United States of America	Massachusetts	1733	Muhlenbeck FMV

United States of America	Massachusetts - Prince Hall	1793	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	Michigan	1826	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	Minnesota	1853	Coetzee FPC OSM
United States of America	Mississippi	1818	Rhodie AGA
United States of America	Missouri	1821	de Kock BJ
United States of America	Montana	1866	Rhodie AGA
United States of America	Nebraska	1857	Rhodie AGA
United States of America	Nevada	1865	Roos P
United States of America	New Hampshire	1789	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	New Jersey	1786	van der Linde LB
United States of America	New Mexico	1781	** No exchange **
United States of America	New York	1781	Smith JEH OSM MSA
United States of America	North Carolina	1787	Kingsley LC
United States of America	North Dakota	1889	van Rooyen D
United States of America	Ohio	1808	Smith RT
United States of America	Oklahoma	1874	Bronner EA
United States of America	Oregon	1851	Topham BR
United States of America	Pennsylvania	1731	Edwards GR OSM
United States of America	Rhode Island & Providence	1791	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	South Carolina	1737	Ingle RSO
United States of America	South Dakota	1875	Nash S
United States of America	Tennessee	1813	Lotter M
United States of America	Texas	1837	Akpan I
United States of America	Utah	1872	Miller JT
United States of America	Vermont	1794	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	Virginia	1778	Appelgryn F
United States of America	Washington	1778	Klein N OSM
United States of America	Washington (DC)	1811	Duncan DJ OSM
United States of America	West Virginia	1865	Rossouw BTA OSM
United States of America	Wisconsin	1843	Ingle RSO
United States of America	Wyoming	1874	** No exchange **



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SIXTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL / SIERAAD VIR SESTIG JAAR DIENS					
Ontvanger / Recipient				Losie / Lodge	Nr / No.
*	Amoils	S		Springbok	87
*	Botha	FJ		Diamond	22
*	Bauser	RS	OSM/ODV	Peace & Harmony	11
	Becker	H		St Jan	6
*	Gush	MR		Fidelity	34
	Jorritsma	H		Sonheuwel	143
*	Levin	M	OSM/ODV	de Goede Verwachting	23
	Neuhaus	B		Alpha	89
*	Raymond	S		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Rhind	M		Unie	4
*	van Rensburg	D		Oranje	7
*	Wolman	I		de Goede Verwachting	23

FIFTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL / SIERAAD VIR VYFTIG JAAR DIENS.					
Ontvanger / Recipient				Losie / Lodge	Nr / 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
*	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	OL		Golden City	75
*	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
	Franks	RA		Golden City	75
*	Gasson	SR	OSM/ODV	Royal Protea	55
*	Germyshuizen	JCM		de Vereeniging	3
*	Gerson	A		Hiram	108
	Geyser	AH		Aurora	8
*	Gillett	SBH		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Glenton	HG		Cape Town	138
*	Golding	JW		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Gradner	BI		de Goede Verwachting	23
	Grobbelaar	A		Dagbreek	45
	Grobler	WJ		Aurora	8
*	Groenewald	CB	OSM/ODV	Albert J Haak	60
*	Haarburger	HH	OSM/ODV	Unie	4
*	Hamilton	CG	OSM/ODV	Theophilus	107
*	Hancke	le R	OSM/ODV	Jacob de Mist	44
	Hekmann	CR		Bellville	42
*	Henkel	EE		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Hermanson	WC		Marina	25
*	Hollevoet	P		Libertas	16
*	Jabkowitz	P		Fidelity	34
*	Johnson	BC		Prins Frederik	19
	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
	Lötter	MJ		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Maree	JL		L'Agullas	36
*	McIver	DR		de Goede Trouw	2
*	McKechnie	N		Hiram	108
	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
*	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
	Pretorius	AJ		de Goede Hoop	1
	Prinsloo	M		Star of the West	56
	Radcliff	RW		Meerensee	118
*	Rawstorne	EC		Dromedaris	77
*	Reicherberg	AM		Brandfort	33
	Robertson-Cumming	HH		Peace & Harmony	11
*	Rosen	AJ		Equity	39
	Roux	LK		Marina	25
*	Rubenstein	J		Hiram	105
*	Rudram	N		Star of the Rand	15
	Saddington	C		Marina	25
*	Salem	JEA		Hon PDGM	

	Saunders	AH		Prins Frederik	19
*	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	L		Star of the East	28
*	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 den Heever	JP		AJ Haak	60
*	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 Rooyen	JH		MW Pretorius	62
*	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
	Willemse	CJ		Aurora	8
*	Wellish	W		Neerlandia	31
*	Williams	DE		Iquiniso	92
*	Willis	PL		Marina	25
*	Zaayman	V		Marina	25

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Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester



Wor Bro / Agb Br RY Eyiomen

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master Southern Division 2021/2022

It my pleasure to extend a sincere and fraternal welcome to each of you in attendance today at this 160th annual general meeting of the Southern Division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and it is fantastic to have moved off from the Zoom AGM'S and back to regular Masonic interaction.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Lodge officers, I extend my gratitude for the manner in which you have applied yourselves over the past year in very difficult and testing circumstances your willingness to attend during uncertain times, and your efforts to keep Masonry alive and functioning during the Covid pandemic in the Southern Division.

To my Assistant Provincial Grand Masters Wor Bro Cobis Wilson and Wor Bro Raymond Yosimbom I thank you for the new energies that you have brought to the Provincial team and your willingness to not only take on work, but to do it very well. Brethren I really do appreciate all the help, the input, and the support that you have provided to me this past year.

To the past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor Bro Mahmoud Patel, I thank you for your efforts and wish you well on your Grand Lodge journey. To my Provincial Grand Secretary, Wor Bro Llewellyn Lloyd-Jones, I really do appreciate your support, loyalty and efforts over the past 4 years. You have unfortunately had a few health issues to deal with and I thank you for keeping going. I would also like to single out our Provincial Grand Treasurer, Wor Bro Anthony van Dijk, who has done a phenomenal job of setting up and righting the ship with regards to the required financial reporting procedures. I thank the Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA, for his availability and time when needed and my thanks also go to the Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM, for the excellent work he does and the many reminders of little things we may have overlooked.

To the fellow Provincial Grand Masters of our sister divisions, and I include a few who have moved on to different roles now, I once again thank you for the tremendous interactions, debates, disagreements and fun that we share regularly. Right Worshipful Brethren, I thank you for the camaraderie and the support that we show to each other. We share many of the same challenges as well as a few unique ones in our respective divisions, RW Bro's Keith Hutton, Basil De Kock, Godfrey Place, Frans Appelgryn,

Johan Van der Merwe and now Simon Nash. I Thank you for your friendship as well as for a full house of representation from all of you today.

The heads of the Sister Constitutions and I continue to enjoy a very warm, fraternal, and beneficial relationship and I always enjoy and look forward to our interactions, which have been far fewer over the past year or two, thank you for all being present in your official capacities here today namely RW Bro Ernest Malherbe, RW Bro Tony Alsemgeest, and Bro Dave Gallacher.

MASONIC OLYMPICS IN 2021.

The Masonic Olympics in our Province went into its fifth year with our Division fairing extremely well this year having won the trivia and pool competitions and finishing 2nd in the darts competition so far. Well done to all concerned. It is however getting harder to get the brethren involved and to take part and support the various events on the agenda.

SPRING BALL INITIATIVE.

I would like to thank the revamped Spring Ball committee for the new energies and new ideas that are free flowing in our recent meetings. It has been one of the tougher years in the planning and execution of the Spring Ball banquet due to the massive planning involved in the 250-year celebrations, and the ever-increasing challenge of pricing and affordability.

250 YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

It has been an amazing and frenetic year for the Southern Division with Lodge De Goede Hoop celebrating 250 years of existence and all the subsequent events that were successfully planned and hosted by this division. Once again, the Southern division did not fail to impress, and I am very proud of this division which I have been incredibly fortunate to have served, as the Provincial Grand Master for 6 years already. I must single out a few Brethren who played huge roles in the success of the celebrations.

MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA. He was simply monumental in the planning stages of the celebrations single handedly taking charge of most of the micro-management necessary to ensure

success of so large an operation.

MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM. Geoff has an awesome ability to read the nuances that exist in the planning and setting up of successful events. His knowledge, experience, and expertise along with the ability to just get things done was invaluable to the planning and execution of the celebrations.

RW Bro Brian Rossouw OSM. What more can be said about the efforts, commitment, dedication, patience, and professionalism of this man. To compile a 1 300-page document of the history of Freemasonry in South Africa, as he has done is a monumental achievement to say the least and your name deserves to be in masonic history for time eternal because of it. Well done, Brian.

Wor Bro Frank Begot. Once again this most dependable brother rose to the challenge of ensuring that the arrangements of travel, accommodation, and attendance of the foreign guests ran like a well-oiled machine. This is no small task Brethren and a vital hands-on component of the success of an event such as the 250-year celebrations. Frank was the front man in dealing with our guests and what an awesome job he did.

Wor Bro Malcolm Gessler & Wor Bro Raymond Yosimbom. Both the incoming and outgoing Masters played meaningful roles in the planning and execution of the celebrations.

Lodge De Goede Hoop Brethren. To all the members of this historic Lodge thank you and well done for your individual contributions and attendance.

There were many, many more dedicated Masons who all played vital roles in the success of these events and please forgive me for not naming you all here, but I thank you, each and every one of you. My thanks also go out to the many Brethren of this province as well as those from all over the country who supported and attended the various events.

Without your attendance it would simply have not been the same and I can attest personally to the role our visitors and Brethren of the Southern Division played. When I took the chair to take over the proceedings for the installation ceremony, I literally took a moment to sit back and savour the sight before me of an absolutely packed to the rafter's temple. It was an honour and a privilege to play a role on the day. Thank you too all once again.

MASONIC HOMES.

The Masonic homes charity arm continues to do a fantastic job with Wor Bro Michael Burchell as the chairman of the Masonic Homes NPC and I would like to thank all the house committee members for the awesome commitment to the maintenance and upkeep of these homes namely:

MW Bro Geoff Edwards. Desmain Lodge
Wor Bro Mike Burchell. Burchell House
RW Bro Ronnie Smith. Ted's House
Wor Bro Jan Venter. Andy's House
Wor Bro Danny Retief. Masonic Home for Quadriplegics

Thanks also to the members and fellow directors of both the Masonic homes NPC and Denid Investments for the tremendous commitment to simply getting things done.

SOUTHERN DIVISION ALMONER.

Wor Bro Cobis Wilson has been the Southern Division PGL Almoner going on 10 years, and it is proving very difficult to find a replacement, who could come close to the exacting standards he has set in this vitally important office.

The work he does in this area is nothing short of exceptional. The care, support, and interest he has shown to our ailing, sick, and infirm has been outstanding, and his almoner's reports are full of the information that is required and then more some. He also actively keeps in touch with the widows of our deceased brethren as well as constantly contacting Brethren whom we have lost touch with over the years. Wor Bro Wilson, I thank you on behalf of this entire division for the zeal and devotion you have applied to this most important role.

SOUP KITCHEN.

Bro Gary Hendricks of Lodge Perseverance soup kitchen in Observatory where he feeds a substantial



number of people and underprivileged children has grown exponentially and thank you to this dedicated

brother as well as all those who have aided both financially and with their time with Bro Dennis Knight from Lodge Marina in particular providing assistance.

FINANCES.

The Province's finances remain firm but are wilting a little under the strain of increased benevolence requests, but this will be covered in the Treasurer's report shortly with the relevant budgets having been allocated to compensate over the next few years.

The current membership of the Southern Division stands at 181 with 12 new applications currently in process or candidates waiting to be initiated.

NEW INITIATIVES.

I have instituted various new initiatives in the division over the past year namely;

NEW TYPE LODGE FILES.

We have designed a standard set of reporting files for each Lodge which is presented to the Master by the relevant chain bearer. Once a month the Master and commissioned officer meet and physically go through the following.

- a. Previous months treasurers report.
- b. Almoners report.
- c. Minutes of BOM and ceremonial meeting.
- d. Progress on the advancement criteria.
- e. The balanced Lodge program – the questionnaire is completed by the Master along with the Commissioned officer.
- f. Advancement criteria- Ensuring the Lodge is progressing and involving its EA and FC as per the set guidelines.

COMMISSIONED OFFICER PRESENT AT EVERY CEREMONIAL MEETNG.

This has now been amended to a commissioned officer present officially at every 1st degree working only, instead of every working in the division.

SHORT WELCOME ADDRESS TO THE NEW APPRENTICE.

Before the candidate is conducted from the temple I have developed a short 90 second address delivered by the Commissioned Officer to the candidate and his mentor/proposer, congratulating him and welcoming him to the Division. This gets the Commissioned Officer involved and has been very well received by all the Lodge members who hear it.

BOM AGENDA POINT: DISCUSSION ON MASONIC PROTOCOLS AND CONSTITUTION.

I included this some years ago on all Lodge BOM agenda's and now PGL will be issuing a short paper each month on a relevant topic for the Lodge to discuss, with the 1st new topic for October being "Protocols & Etiquettes to be observed at festive boards".

NEW STARTING TIMES.

I have instituted a new starting time in the Southern division in an attempt to limit the lateness of the hour in ending our workings and festive boards. Lodges now open at 19h00 and admit visitors at 19h15. After a few moans and groans (very few surprisingly) all Lodges have settled into the new times.

This Division will also be rolling out a few additional initiatives this coming Masonic year notably:

Assisting Lodges in increasing their benevolence funds in order to have sufficient reserves to be able to assist their own Brethren and widows

Monthly functions run by the province to include wives, and partners a little more

Monthly Saturday breakfast chats on various current affairs topics of interest

Becoming more involved in communities for visibility such as perhaps 2-3 church services a year instead of once per year

A joint venture with toast masters aimed at Masonic formalities and public speaking.

More interaction with the heads of the various side degrees in the division regarding the interaction, rules, and guidelines of the shared members.

LODGE CLOSURES.

Sadly, this past year has seen another three Southern Division Lodges being placed into recess.

Lodge Mutual No.53: The mainstay of the Lodge was Wor Bro Mahmoud Patel who finally has had enough of the struggle and decided to join Lodge De Goede Verwachting instead.

Lodge Johan van Riebeek No. 66: its members joined Lodge Perseverance and are settling in slowly.

Lodge Simon van der Stel No .106: Sadly, the decision was taken to place this Lodge into recess as well and all its members also joined Lodge

Perseverance. Its Presiding Master took the chair of the new look Perseverance on the 7th of February 2022 namely Wor Bro Louis Krige.

IN CONCLUSION.

To all the members of the Southern Division I thank each and every one of you for your individual efforts towards Freemasonry in the Southern Division. It is indeed an honour, a pleasure, and my

privilege to serve each of you as the Provincial Grand Master of this proud, innovative, and historic division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa And In conclusion I would like to thank all present here today for setting aside valuable time to come and share this day with the Southern Division.

SMIB.

RW Bro TW Hardiman.
Provincial Grand Master



*Seen at the Spring Ball 2022
Val and Geoff Edwards. Edelweiss and John Smith. Lilly and Tommy Hardiman.*



The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Southern Division 2022/2023



Lodge Perseverance Installation. February 2022



Passings at Lodge Cape Town. July 2022



Initiation at Lodge de Goede Hoop. March 2022



Installation at Lodge Westerford. July 2022



Passings at Lodge Marina. April 2022



Losie Jacob de Mist



RW and Mrs AGA Rhooode on their 60th Wedding Annisversary

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2022 / 2023

Division Office	Member
Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro TW Hardiman
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro JP Wilson
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro RY Eyiomen
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro MAP Slabbert,
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro F Begot
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro ML Gessler
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro JJH Benadie
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro MF Petronio
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro LR Lloyd Jones
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro AJ van Dijk
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro LC Krige
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro JP Wilson
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro JF Spotta
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro CM Mukendi
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro J Bossenge
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro J Maritz
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro SB Stuart

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2022

Lodge	Number	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation
de Goede Hoop	1	1772	de Goede Hoop	2nd	Wed	June
de Goede Trouw	2	1800	de Goede Hoop	2nd	Tue	July
de Goede Verwachting	23	1908	de Goede Hoop	3rd	Thu	August
Marina	25	1908	de Goede Hoop	3rd	Tue	September
Westerford	43	1931	de Goede Hoop	1st	Thu	May
Jacob de Mist	44	1931	Phiroze Gorralla	4th	Wed	October
Hiram	108	1971	Phiroze Gorralla	3rd	Tue	October
Perseverance	126	1977	Phiroze Gorralla	1st	Tue	November
Cape Town	138	2002	de Goede Hoop	1st	Mon	December

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de Goede Verwachting	Wor Bro JP Wilson	RW Bro A Jacobson MSA	degoedeverwachting@grandlodge.co.za
Marina	Wor Bro J Bossenge-Nkoy	Wor Bro L Lloyd-Jones	marina@grandlodge.co.za
Westerford	RW Bro T Hardiman	MW Bro G Edwards OSM	westerford@grandlodge.co.za
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Hiram	Wor Bro M Petronio	RW Bro R Smith	hiram@grandlodge.co.za
Perseverance	Wor Bro LC Krige	Wor Bro JSC Venter	perseverance@grandlodge.co.za
Cape Town	Wor Bro CM Mukendi	VW Bro L Kingsley	capetown@grandlodge.co.za

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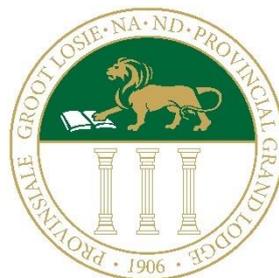
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Annual report of the retiring Provincial Grand Master. Northern Division 2021 / 2022

Welcome Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM, MSA, the Immediate Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother David James Duncan OSM, the Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary Most Worshipful Brother Geoff Edwards OSM, the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Brandon Topham, Grand Lodge Officers, Past PGM's, PGM's and members of Sister Divisions, Provincial and District Grand Masters and members of Sister Constitutions, RW, VW, WB and Brethren all.

It would be awfully remiss of me not to acknowledge the Acting Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Simon Nash, who is presiding over this meeting today, and the members (past and present) of the Provincial Grand Lodge Northern Division, with whom I have had the privilege of working over the past three years.

It is an honour to be able to present this report as the Past Provincial Grand Master of the Division, as my role as Provincial Grand Master officially ended on 25 June 2022 at the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Cape Town. Three years ago, I was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division in this very temple. This is the first physical General Meeting of the Division since that meeting, and no doubt quite unique in that I never had the opportunity of presiding over a physical Annual General Meeting, but rather having had to attend to these meetings via electronic platforms. I assure you, that a physical meeting such as this, is far more enjoyable than those held virtually. Today therefore marks the end of a Chapter in the history of the Division, and this report closes the record of the 2021/2022 Masonic year of the Division and also my term as Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division.

This has been a challenging year in some respects, yet at the same time a busy one as we have been fortunate to return, albeit slowly, to normality (as much as the new normal permits). Our new Provincial Grand Master is to be installed today. So as one chapter ends, another one commences. He will be the author of the next chapter of the history of the Northern Division.

OVERVIEW OF THE PGL NORTHERN DIVISION.

Abraham Lincoln, in a debate with Stephen Douglas said: *“Let us discard all this quibbling about this man and the other man; this race and that race and the other race being inferior, and therefore they must be placed in an inferior position; discarding*

our standard that we have left us. Let us discard all these things, and unite as one people throughout this land, until we shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal.” Over the past 12 to 15 months, the aim of our Division is to ensure that we make the world we live in a better place for all. The words of Lincoln hold true today as much as they did back in 1858.

I will now address some of the important aspects of the division.

ADMINISTRATION.

This has been an area which has faced numerous challenges. The role of Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary, is a vital one. I thank Work Bro Emile van As, who stepped up to fill this position, but resigned due to personal reasons.

Trying to take over a predecessor's systems is not easy, made even more difficult when that person is not around to hand over and guide you. Wor Bro Reyaan Uys, who is extremely busy, not only in his personal life, but in the Craft and side degrees, then agreed and took on this role, with the assistance of Bro Michael Shackleton. The road was not always plain sailing and at times we experienced some minor breakdowns, but none of these were ever disastrous and remedies were always quickly put in place. Thank you one and all for your efforts in this aspect of the management of the Division.

BENEVOLENCE.

Our Division has continued to support the Walking Tall with Pride feeding scheme which is based in the Southern suburbs of Johannesburg. Right through Covid, the team managed to try and assist many members of our society with food parcels. As restrictions were lifted, the team had to find a new “home” from which to run the kitchen. This saw the move from the Southern Suburbs sports club, to the Ridge Park Sports club. The re-opening of the weekly feeding station, saw a slow trickle of patrons, mostly new faces, and slowly the word spread and a number of the old regulars have found their way to the new venue and more and more new faces are seen every week. The dedication of Bro Eric Houniet and his family, is to be highly commended. The Division has continued with its work on the TIMC where some members of the Division receive small monthly stipends. We were pleased to be able to award bursary grants to worthy descendants of Freemasons, which enabled them to continue their tertiary studies, with all passing their

courses and graduating. New applicants have been screened and where appropriate, funds have been extended to them to enable them to pursue their studies.

Two years ago, I instituted a challenge to all the members of my Lodge and then to all Lodges in the Division, called the R2 a day challenge. As with any challenge, the challenge is in the challenge itself. It has not been the success we had hoped for, but in meeting Lodges in the Division, I am pleased to report that most practice some form of benevolence or other. The demands made on such funds are way in excess of what is raised, an indicator of the parlous state of the economy. For those who assist not only a Brother in need, but members in our immediate society who find themselves in need, a word of thanks is extended to each of you. These little gestures make the world we live in a better place.

FINANCES.

The finances of the Division remain healthy. Our dues to the Grand Lodge have been covered and all amounts are current and regular. Most of our Lodges have paid their Capitation fees to the PGL ND. Those Lodges who are in arrears are in communication with the PGL Treasurer as they are dependent on members who have to date not met their obligations to remit their annual dues. Where BB are struggling to meet their dues, we encourage them to communicate their difficulties with the WM and Treasurer of their Lodge in order that where possible, assistance can be rendered. However non-paying and non-committed active members of a Lodge should not believe that their BB should subsidise their membership dues. Sadly this does see a number of Brethren being excluded from our Order as a result of such non-payment.

My thanks is extended to VW Bro Simon Nash, who amongst all his other duties has overseen and managed the finances of our Division and also to Bro Fritz Gantz, who has as a Brother of Talent, brought his talents and experience and assisted in the running of the Divisions financial affairs. By so doing, we have further reduced one of the chores which is the annual audit fee, as the accounts of the Division are prepared and presented to the auditors for review which reduces the time required to be spent on this process.

LODGES.

Part of the past Masonic Year of the Division, as in the year before, was experienced under some form of lockdown or other. As the Government reduced the harsh restrictions imposed on all of us, we were able to pick up the pieces of our Masonic lives and

return to Lodge and practice our rituals and ceremonies. The sense of brotherhood and relief at being able to meet again and enjoy much more than just the ritual side of our craft, in the harmony at the festive boards was palpable. Being able to conduct installation ceremonies and install Masters in their Lodges was welcomed and slowly the shoots of growth were evident and Lodges started to meet more regularly. Sadly, there are some, who for reasons only known to their members and leadership, have withered away and died. Others have joined forces to grow stronger in the belief that by so doing, a healthier and stronger branch will bear forth a rich and great harvest in the not too distant future.

We were able to re-dedicate and reopen a Lodge which had closed some years back, and with descendants of the founder members of the Lodge now members of this Lodge, the Lodge will once again flourish. Hard work lies ahead for the members of Lodge Vereeniging, and we are all positive that this Lodge will once again be a shining example of the Grand Lodge of South Africa in its area in Vereeniging.

MEMBERSHIP.

There has been an overall reduction in the number of members over the past three years. The membership status at the start of my terms was 443, as at 25 June 2022, the membership stands at 367. This represents a reduction in membership of some 17.16%. A year ago, our membership stood at 373 members, which is a loss of 6 members or 1.61%, however, a fall in membership is not good and efforts must be put in place to halt this trend and to reverse these losses and drive for growth in all our Lodges.

There are applicants on the petitioners list, and Lodges are being encouraged to bring these applicants into the order. Not all 20 known applicants will take up membership of our Order, but there is an opportunity to start seeing a growth in the Division.

The PGL ND, in its mentoring efforts of the Lodges, continuously emphasises the importance of keeping the Lodges happy places through motivating members to participate, be involved and interact on both formal and social levels.

SISTER DIVISIONS.

Our working relationship with our Sister Divisions remains strong. The Provincial Grand Masters have continued to interact on a regular basis via virtual meetings. These meetings have enabled us to offer support to each other and provide a greater

understanding of the challenges faced in the different Divisions.

Congratulations to Wor Bro Johan van der Merwe on your installation as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division. The mantle of Rookie which was formally passed to you at your installation in December 2021 will today be passed on to my successor.

I thank the Provincial Grand Masters for their support and friendship over my term, and I am sure that these bonds will remain firm for many years to come. To you and the members of the Sister Divisions who have attended our meeting today a warm welcome and at the same time thank you for your attendance.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

The relationship between the Northern Division and our Sister Constitutions is strong and continues to strengthen. Formal interaction and communication generally happens through the Heads of Constitution meetings held under the auspices of the TIMC. Communications with each other has a positive impact on our relationships and demonstrates that we all have a common focus and support each other for the betterment of Freemasonry in general.

To the heads of the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions, RW Bros Chris van Gaalen, Tony Bosch and Jim Kerr, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and I am sure that my successor will enjoy the same as he takes over the reins of the Northern Division.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

It is surreal that three years ago I was installed as the Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who have supported me during my term. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, continued as a pillar of support. This made it possible to address matters which at times were unpleasant but necessary. We did not always agree with each other, but found common ground to ensure that the interests of the Division were placed foremost in the outcome. In so doing, we remained committed to our obligation to look after the welfare and prosperity of the Division and did whatever was determined to be in the best interest of the Division and of the Grand Lodge.

To the EXCO of the Division, who have worked with me behind the scenes. The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, Alex Ndubuisi, Gerald Bosch and

Achille Katumbay, you each bring your own unique

temperaments, skills and passion to the benefit of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Long may this continue. Not all our plans and ideas came to fruition, however the drive to get back to practicing what we love most, that being that of Freemasonry, was more important than some of the more lofty aims which we had set for ourselves. The shift in emphasis was to see Lodges return to basics, to get those right again, as the interruption caused by the pandemic left some lodges a little rusty on running physical meetings and performing ceremonial work.

To all Presiding Masters and their management teams, thank you for the support and warm welcome to us on our visits where these have been possible. It has been a wonderful experience and I am looking forward to being able to meet with you and your brethren in Lodge in the not too distant future, albeit in a different role.

To the officers who were part of the team over the past three years, your commitment made it possible to have fun while discharging our duties. We all needed to pull our weight, we were a small team and it was wonderful to see some of the new officers step up and grow in their positions and also gain confidence. This is the growth and development required for the future leadership group of this Division. The most important members to be recognised are the members of the Division.

I quote Abraham Lincoln again where he said: *“Every man is proud of what he does well; and no man is proud of what he does not do well. With the former, his heart is in his work; and he will do twice as much of it with less fatigue. The latter performs a little imperfectly, looks at it in disgust, turns from it, and imagines himself exceedingly tired. The little he has done, comes to nothing, for want of finishing”*.

Every year, nominations are called for from the members, Wardens and Masters of the Lodges of the Division to recognise those members who have put their hands up and who have been noted for their contributions to their Lodges and the Freemasonry in general. Such nominations are required to be supported by a short motivation setting out the reason for the nomination being put forward. This year we saw a much greater number of nominations being received. These Brethren should be proud that their Lodges value their efforts and have nominated them to be considered as worthy recipients.

The categories, in no particular order, are as

follows:

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR.

Nominations received were for: RW Bro Nuno Calvet – Lodge Star of the West; Bro Willie Luck - Lodge Star of the East; Wor Bro Skottowe Lourens - Lodge Orange; Bro Jean Jalloh - Lodge Alpha; Bro P A Pretorius – Lodge Brits and Wor Bro Brian Bownass of Lodge Koh-I-Noor.

MASTER MASON OF THE YEAR.

Nominations received were for: Bro Douglas Sansom of – Lodge Star of the West; Bro Okadapo Adepoju of Lodge President Burgers; Bro Carel Nortje of Lodge Orangel Bro Fritz Ganz of Lodge De Broederband and President Burgers and Wor Bro Reyaan Uys of Lodge Koh-I-Noor.

PRESIDING MASTER OF THE YEAR.

Nominations received were for: Wor Bro King Armstrong of Lodge Alpha; Wor Bro Percy Booth of– Lodge Star of the West; Wor Bro Ignatius Muthien of Lodge Koh-I-Noor; Wor Bro Wikus Steyl of Lodge De Broederband and Wor Bro Herman Roos of Lodge Brits..

RITUALIST OF THE YEAR.

Nominations received were for: Wor Bro Donavan Le Roux of Lodge Star of the West; Brother Omolemo Sepato of Lodge President Burgers; Wor Bro Skottowe Lourens of Lodge Orange and Bro Sam Zwane of Lodge Koh-I-Noor

The recipients of the awards will be announced after the conclusion of this report,

CONCLUSION.

I have enjoyed my term in office, it seems to have come to end all too quickly. Grand Master MW

Bro John Smith OSM, MSA, thank you for believing in me to hold this office, also for the guidance given when I have called. I have tried to keep you apprised of the affairs of the Division, not only the good things, but also the challenges which we faced as well as the plans and interventions to turn things around where necessary. I hope that I hand over the Division in a better status than that which I received.

Grand Secretary MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM, I thank you for the support given to me over my term, and I look forward to continuing our interactions as we move forward.

Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Brandon Topham, your support has not gone unnoticed. We have been able to be open and frank in our discussions. At times it is just the resistance to change which needs to be tempered and maybe tackled from a different perspective.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Masters, not much can be said that has not already been said when I took leave of the “Provincial Grand Master’s Group” at the end of June. The friendship and support which has been the core of our group will be missed only in so far as at Provincial Grand Master level, but I am sure that it will continue as we move forward into a new chapter in the history of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

There are many others who are too numerous to mention by name. You have all made my term very special.

To my wife Linda, thank you for your patience, I know I test it to the limit. Freemasonry became intrusive in our home, with virtual meetings, phone calls and my visits to Lodges. You put up with so many interruptions and calls during what is supposed to be our time. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

SMIB

RW Bro Godfrey Place Provincial Grand Master: Northern Division.



AGM of Northern Division. August 2022



RW Bro N Benson

Bro J Kerr

RW Bro C van Gaalen

RW Bro G Place



Presentation of 50 Year Service Jewels.

RW Bro P Naude MSA. Wor Bro L Sher Wor Bro M Prinsloo



Lodge Star of the West. August 2022



Losie MW Pretorius. October 2022



Wor Bro J Jonker sadly passed to the Grand Lodge above during the year.



Wor Bro K Armstrong receives the Charity Jewel at the Installation of Lodge Alpha.



Re-dedication of Lodge Vereeniging. 21 February 2022

Inaugural address. 23rd July 2022.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master John Smith OSM, MSA; MW Past Grand Masters Geoff Edwards OSM and Dave Duncan OSM; Distinguished brethren from Grand Lodge, Distinguished brethren from our sister constitutions and divisions, RW, VW, Wor Brethren and Brethren all.

Benjamin Franklin said “Masonic labour is purely a labour of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

Personally, this has never been truer than in the recent months since the Grand Master announced my appointment as Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division.

On the one hand, although I did not think it possible, the Quantum of my Masonic labour increased but, on the other hand, so too did the wages of kindness, helpfulness and even from those who knew better than I, some well-deserved sympathy, increase concomitantly. I have been blessed to experience the true wages of Freemasonry.

Before I launch into the purpose of this inaugural address, namely, to lay out my plans for the Division, it behoves me to sincerely thank a number of brethren for aiding and guiding me on the journey that has led to today’s events.

To my brother/brother Wor Bro Paul Nash, thank you for planting the seed of Freemasonry in my mind, accompanying me to the many, many meetings we attended together and for mentoring me along the way. I will show you my gratitude towards the end of today’s meeting.

To the many other Masonic mentor’s whom I have been privileged to be guided by, MW Bro’s Dave Duncan OSM and Geoff Edwards OSM, RW Brothers Victor Muhlenbeck, Alan VD Vyver, Peet Roos and Godfrey Place, my good friend VW Bro Reuven Coenen, to the late RW Bro Neville Rudram, to the Past Masters and members of my mother Lodge, Lodge Star of the Rand and to the many loyal Provincial Grand Lodge officers who have offered their support and guidance over the years. Thank you all, I am eternally indebted to you.

To the Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM, MSA, who has not only entrusted me with the enormous responsibility of leading the Northern Division but has also gone out of his way to assist me to make this a memorable and successful celebration. I will thank you Most Worshipful by not failing in my duty.

Finally, to the Great Architect of the Universe who has guided me through the rocky paths of life and this Masonic journey. Who saw fit to give me the strength and wisdom to be able to reach today’s important milestone, I can only thank you Most High by continuing to endeavour to do the work you see fit to task me with; and to do so with your continued guidance.

The inaugural address is an opportunity for the newly installed Provincial Grand Master to lay out his plans and inspire his brethren for the task which lay ahead.

Lest I disappoint all of you, allow me to emphasize that were I to attempt to do this in any great detail, half of you would fall asleep and the other half would find urgent business to attend to elsewhere!

So, all I am going to attempt to do is give you a glimpse of the Vision I have for the Northern Division, a Vision which I know is already shared by many of my brethren and which is firmly in line with our Grand Lodge objectives.

It is my intention to pursue the primary goal of our Order fiercely and diligently, the goal of making the World a better place by making good men better. Everything we do will have that end goal in mind.

We will seek to excel at our ritual not merely to participate in the Ritual excellence program but also to ensure that our candidates are best able to learn from the symbolism so eloquently delivered.

We will socialize with our brethren and their families so that we learn to know and love each other better, and at the same time participate in the balanced Lodge program.

We will think, speak and act as Freemasons in our daily conduct so that we may be an example to both the uninitiated and our brethren alike, and in so doing, exhort them to follow our good example, with no intent of claiming the title of good men influencing that conduct.

We will apply the advancement criteria and mentoring programs with fervour to ensure that our brethren do in fact become better men, and resultantly the World becomes a better place, never complaining about the burden that responsibility places on us.

We will treat each other with the dignity and respect which reflects our brotherly love for each other, and which is becoming of true Freemasons, and we will work together towards our common goal.

New brooms are supposed to sweep clean, but thanks to my predecessor RW Bro Godfrey Place, this will not be necessary. I will instead make it my business and the business of every officer in the Division to tackle our duties diligently and with the zeal, fidelity and devotion promised by us in our obligations. All the while, the broom will continue to sweep.

I believe that clear, unambiguous communication is key to success in any organization and that differing of opinions is healthy if conducted respectfully and in the appropriate forum, face to face and guided by the three great lights of Freemasonry. The outcome of such debate can only be for the betterment of the division and our order.

We will therefore meet regularly both digitally and physically; and at every opportunity engage with each other robustly but respectfully on the best way to achieve our goals, always remembering when doing so to never breach our obligations nor act in contravention of the Grand Lodge Constitution, Laws and directives or the very ancient charges which are the foundation of our existence as an organisation.

Once a conclusion has been reached, we will collectively act on the outcome decisively and enthusiastically, leaving our difference of opinion behind, unneeded and unwanted.

We will actively develop the future leaders within our Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodge itself so that, when the mantle of leadership is passed to them, they are well prepared to deliver with not only efficacy but also with Love and with purpose.

We will enthusiastically embrace Masonic education at every opportunity, and by teaching, become the students, for the Freemason never stops learning.

This vision is nothing new Brethren, we all know and understand the precepts and principles of our ancient and honourable order. I merely intend to remind myself and all the members of the Division

what those precepts and principles are regularly and test every decision we make and action we take in terms of them.

As with the principles behind the Starfish foundation, we are not able to change the world for everyone, but rather only for our immediate communities. For that reason, we must ensure that we remain relevant in all segments of our society and find creative ways to spread our influence and message far and wide. By definition, this requires meaningful growth in membership, but the growth we seek is simply in order to remain relevant and widen our influence, not to show figures on Grandview. Similarly, we need to find and implement creative ways to make a meaningful impact in the communities we wish to positively influence, not for the ability to spread the word of our good deeds, but for the positive consequences of those good deeds themselves.

I look forward to continuing to labour with the Provincial Grand Lodge Team, many of whom I have had the pleasure of labouring with in the past seven years, and with those who are joining the team for the first time today, congratulations to all of you on your appointments, the Division's success and in turn my own rests on your shoulders as much as it does on mine. We can only succeed if we function as a team, a team that has the same goals and objectives and interacts with respect and dignity.

To the four Assistant Provincial Grand Masters brave enough to bear the weight of their chains, Wor Bros Alex Ndubuisi, Gerald Bosch, Achille Katumbay and Marius Mostert.

Thank you for taking up these demanding offices, rest assured that I will depend on you not only for your diligence and labour, but also for your courage and commitment to act and speak out in support of the best interests of the Division and of our order at all times.

In the words of Albert J Pike, "What we do for ourselves alone dies with us, what we do for others and the World remains and is immortal". With this in mind, we should not merely strive to be better men brethren, but rather strive to be the best men that we can be, doing for others and not for ourselves alone, and in the process, make the world a better place for our communities, our families and for the future, our children.

SMIB
RW Bro Simon Phillip Nash
Provincial Grand Master Northern Division

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling
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2022 / 2023

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Prov. Grand Tyler	Wor Bro	As required	As required
Prov. Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	I Muthien	

Northern Division Lodges / Noordelike Afdeling Losie as at December 2022

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Aurora	8	1868	Pretoria				Recess
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	3 rd Sat
De Broederband	17	1892	Pretoria	3rd	Wed	Feb	
Prins Frederik	19	1894	Orange	4th	Tue	Jun	
Star of the East	28	1920	CERT	4th	Tue	May	
Star of the West	56	1948	Klerksdorp	4th	Tue	Mar	2nd Sat
Albert J Haak	60	1951	Roodepoort	1st	Fri	Nov	
MW Pretorius	62	1951	Carletonville	3rd	Wed	Oct	2nd Sat
Sonop	63	1952	Boksburg				Recess
Star of the North	64	1952	Pietersburg				Recess
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	
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	Barberton	2nd	Sat	Jul	2nd Sat
Flaming Star	139	2005	Orange Grove	3rd	Mon	Apr	

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Lodge Alpha February 2022



Lodge Star of the Rand. April 2022

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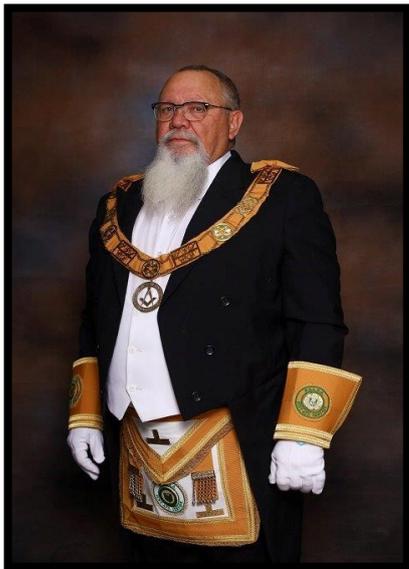
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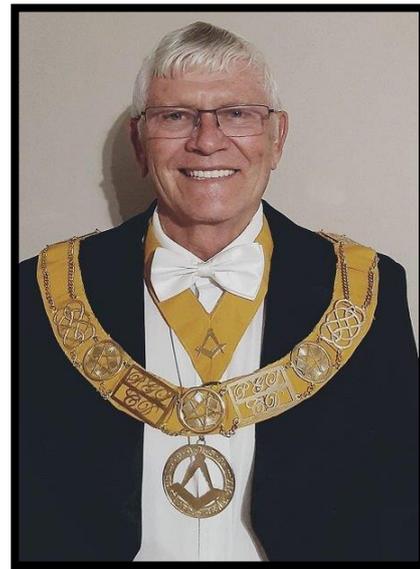
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Provinsiale Grootmeesters**



Agb Br / Wor Bro T Pieterse



Agb Br / Wor Bro J Coetzee

Provinsiale Grootmeester se Jaarsverslag. Sentrale Afdeling 2022

Hoog Eerwaarde Grootmeester John Smith ODV TVD, Seerverligte, Seer Agbare, Agbare Broers en Broers almal hier vandag Saterdag 05 Maart 2022 teenwoordig in ons Masonieke Temple Bloemfontein beskikbaar en oop vir enigiemand vanwaar u ookal in die wêreld mag kom.

As the notice above our entrance says, “ from where ever you may come in the world
“ WELCOME “because our home is your home.

The Covid 19 pandemic and the state of disaster that is still intact does certainly have a huge impact on our Order and in particular the Central Division , because the fear for own and the safety of the love ones does definitely playing a big role in a lot of Brethern daily life.

On a less positive note, we have to acknowledge four Brethren who have departed to the Eternal East, but we were fortunate to lose only one Brother due to the pandemic;

Wor Bro Jack Coetzee from Lodge Central Freestate 35. But as the way of life is, we also had to say farewell to the following Brethren that were called up for higher duty due to natural illness:

Wor Bro Thomas McArdle – the reigning Master of Lodge De Morgenster 9.

Broer Willem Spies van Losie Senekal 27 as gevolg van ‘n lang siekbed.

Wor Bro Peter Papparanavas from Lodge Parys 30 that left this world on a very fruitful age of 93.

Soos wat ons vyf Provinsiale Groot Meesters ‘n noue band het en op ‘n gereelde basis per zoom vergader het ek agtergekom dat elke afdeling sy eie ups and downs het, positiewe en negatiewe aktiwiteite het en elkeen hul eie stryd beleef om sy eie afdeling na die beste van sy vermoë te bestuur, soms dink ek “ dankie ek het nie daardie situasie nie “ , maar die gevoel is wederkeerig.

I Therefore take my hat off to my fellow colleagues; RW BroTommy Hardiman, RW Bro Godfrey Place, RW Bro Keith Hutton and our “rookie” RW Bro Johan van der Merwe. Each of you had your own goals, thanks for your friendliness, your knowledge and your patience with me. We had our differences, but we are a exquisite team and may each and every Division just flourish under your control.

In die sentrale afdeling is daar nege (9) losies:

Losie Unie 4 te Bloemfontein die oudste Losie noord van die Oranje Rivier, Moeder Losie in die Vrystaat – die losie is stabiel , wat kandidate aanbetref, betrokkenheid, seremonieële werkings en op finansiële vlak.

Losie De Morgenster 9 te Kroonstad met hul unieke gebou spesiaal gebou vir Vrymesselary, het hul 150 jarige bestaan in 2020 gehad, maar as gevolg van die Pandemie kon die vieringe en re dedication onder leiding van ons Groot Meester HE.Br.John Smith OSM MSA eers plaasvind in Oktober 2021, maar hierdie losie het ‘n groot terugslag gehad met die afsterwe van hul Voorsittende Meester, want in twee jaar se tyd moes die losie vier lede groet wat na die ewige Ooste verhuis het.

Lodge Peace & Harmony 11 situated in Kimberley. Hierdie losie is tans onder die bekwame hande van Agb.Br Francois Dauth, en ons wens hom alle sterkte en voorspoed toe, want ons eens Groot Meester HE Bro Ronnie Bauser was afkomstig vanuit hierdie Losie.

Losie Diamond 22. Ongelukkig as gevolg van omstandighede moes die losie hul gebou wat te Koffiefontein gelee was na 114 jaar die gebou opse, maar die Oktrooi, die Vaandel, die Broers en die positiewe masonieke aktiwiteite word tans voortgesit in die eens ou gebou van Losie

Star of Africa 61 te Jagersfontein. Die eens gewese Provinsiale Groot Meester SVBr Frikkie Botha tans 91 jaar oud is deel van die losie. Die uwe is tans die voorsittende meester van die losie, enigiemand moet dit op hul bucket list plaas om die historiese gebou te besoek te Jagersfontein, dit is uniek, want daar is tot ‘n gallery bokant die Opsieners spesiaal vir die koorlede.

In 1913 was die losie met die derde meeste lidmaatskap in die land naamlik 75.

Losie Senekal 27. As gevolg van die ontvolking van die platteland , sukkel die Losie maar met ledetal, maar is op die oomblik nog positief en het twee kandidate wat eerdags ge-inisieër word.

Losie Parys 30. Wor Bro Peter Papparanavas, that has passed away, has played a very prominent role in his Masonic career in this Lodge. Because of all his knowledge, vision, passion and dedication, the lodge in Parys has flourished and the current brethren are very positive and motivated under the very competent hands of Wor Bro Donovan Le

Roux, the Wor Master.

Agb Bro Le Roux en Agb Bro Wolfaardt is tans ook behulpsaam in die noordelike afdeling te Losie Vereeniging 67 wat na 27 jaar weer heropen is. Dankie aan die twee broers wat die kans sien om selfs oor die grense aan ander provinsies hul hulp te bied.

Agb.Br.Wolfaardt is dan nou ook die Voorsittende Meester te Losie Vereeniging 67.

Lodge Central Freestate 35. Situated in Welkom. The lodge membership and finances are stable. They initiated no less than four new members at one ceremony during the Covid period, well done.

Losie Dagbreek 45. Die losie met ook sy ryke geskiedenis het gedurende die afgelope jaar afiliaties gehad, aansluitings en net een uitsluiting as gevolg van omstandighede.

Their latest apprentice, Brother Fabrice Comperê, was initiated this morning with the attendance of the Grand Lodge and the assistance of Brethren from all over the country, a very grateful thanks.

Losie Magersfontein 144. Die Jong Militere Losie geleë te Kimberley is jonk op die been en tans onder die bekwame beheer van Agb Bro Peet Louw en sal hopelik nou na die pandemie weer werklik aktief raak.

SEKTRATERIEEL / TESOURIE.

Agb Br.Riaan Croucamp. Die ondankbare en tydrowende werk word met trots en soms onder baie druk uitgevoer, want ons profane verantwoordelikhede is prioriteit nommer een, anders kan ons nie doen wat ons graag wil doen nie – naamlik VRYMESSELARY.

U insette is van onskatbare waarde en daarvoor sal ek jou ewig dankbaar wees.Ook aan Agb.Br.Ric Gilmer vir sy positiewe insette.

FINANSIES.

Op Finansiële vlak is daar nog losies wat swaar trek , maar hierdie sal eersdaags uitgefaseer word met veranderings wat gaan plaasvind. Alle dank aan die losies wat wel hul finansiële pligte getrou nakom. Met die wêreld rekord van Agb.Br.Bushy McKelvey het die Sentrale Afdeling ook 'n bydrae gemaak.

PROVINSIALE AMPSDRAERS.

Die afdeling se Provinsiale ampsdraers is versprei regoor die Vrystaat – en dit maak die vloei van die werking nie maklik nie, maar met trots kon elke bevestiging met genoegsame Provinsiale Ampsdraers uitgevoer word en die Orde kan geskiedenis skryf vir die toekoms.

BUILDINGS.

The two buildings of Lodge Bultfontein 123 and the building at Koffiefontein have been sold and a very big headache and burden has been lifted off our shoulders. In this matter, I would like, in particular, to give a hearty appreciation to Wor Bro Theoniel Pieterse, my Assistent Provincial Grand Master, for all your effort in the selling of these two buildings.

LOSIES.

Agbare Meesters van elke losie dankie vir elke losie wat u beheer het in die afgelope jaar en aan die broers in elke losie dankie vir julle almal , want sonder lede is ons orde niks.

Mag die Opperboumeester van die Heelal u ieder en elk bewaar met goeie gesondheid in die komende masonieke jaar en nou veral dat ons weer fisies kan vergader.

GOD bless – till we meet again
Masonieke Groete

RW Bro FJ Appelgryn
Provincial Grand Master.

Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling. **Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers** **2022 / 2023**

Office	Member
Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro FJ Appelgryn
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro M De Kock
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro A Coetzee, Jan
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro T Pieterse

Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro E Van Rooyen
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro IC Cambanis
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro B Fourie
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro JWolfaardt
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro R Croucamp
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro R Croucamp
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro DW Le Roux
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor F Bro Dauth
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro JC Cambanis
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro R Paton
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro V Kumm

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Unie	4	1864	Bloemfontein	2nd	Thu	Sep	
De Morgenster	9	1870	Kroonstad	3rd	Thu	Jul	
Peace & Harmony	11	1873	Kimberley	1st	Sat	Jan	10:00 AM
Diamond	22	1907	Koffiefontein	2nd	Sat	Oct	10:00 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	
Magersfontein	144	2019	Kimberley	3rd	Sat	Apr	

Lodge	Master	Secretary	E-Mail
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Diamond	RW Bro FJ Appelgryn	Bro JE van Wyk	diamond@grandlodge.co.za
Senekal	Wor Bro MD Kapp	Wor Bro M de Kock	senekal@grandlodge.co.za
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Central Free State	Wor Bro JA Coetzee	Bro E Agresti	centralfreestate@grandlodge.co.za
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Losie Dagbreek. February 2022.

RE-DEDICATION OF LOSIE PARYS.



IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

Let it be known that LODGE PARYS, No. 30

On the register of the GRAND LODGE of SOUTH AFRICA

WAS REDEDICATED AT ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY

IN THE EAST OF PARYS, FREE STATE PROVINCE By

MW BRO JOHN EWALD HENRY SMITH OSM MSA

GRAND MASTER Of the GRAND LODGE of SOUTH AFRICA,

On Saturday, 27 August AD 2022, AL 6022

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER (CD) : RW BRO FRANS J. APPELGRYN

WORSHIPFUL MASTER : WOR BRO STEPHAN VENTER

DEO ET COLLEGIO

Quintus Horatius Flaccus (65 – 8 BC)

Exegi monumentum aere perennius
regalique situ pyramidum altius,
quod non imber edax, non Aquilo impotens
possit diruere aut innumerabilis
annorum series et fuga temporum.
non omnis moriar multaue pars mei
vitabit Libitinam: usque ego postera
crescam laude recens.

(Bro. John Clifford Meyer – Dagbreek 45)

Έχω ολοκληρώσει μνημείο πιο αντοχές και από μπρούτζο
Και υψηλότερο από της Πυραμίδας το ηγεμονικό κατασκεύασμα
Ένα που καμία καταβροχθική βροχή, ή ο φοβερός Βοριάς μπορεί να καταστρέψει,
Ή οι αναρίθμητες σειρές ετών και το πέρασμα τού χρόνου.
Δεν θα πεθάνω εξολοκλήρου, αλλά ένα σημαντικό μέρος μου θα διαφύγει τον Θάνατο:
Θα ευδοκιμώ αιωνίως, φρέσκος στην υπόληψή των επιγενομένων.

Μεταφρασμένο από Αγγλικά υπό του Ιωάννη Καμπάνη.

(Wor.Bro. Johnny Cambanis – De Morgenster 9)

Ke qetile seemahale, se tšoarellang ho feta koporo
E phahame ho feta mohaho oa borena oa Pyramids,
Eo ho se nang pula e jang ka matla, leha e le moea o matla oa leboea o ka senyang
Kapa ho latellana ho sa feleng ha lilemo kappa ho fofa ha nako.
Ha ke na ho shoa ka ho feletseng , empa karolo e khōlō ea ka e tla phonyoha Lefu :
Ke tla hōla ka ho sa feleng , ke le mocha khanyeng ea litloholo.

(Wor.Br.Marcel De Kock - Senekal 27)

Ek het ‘n monument voltooi, meer langdurend as brons
En hoër as die Piramiedes se koninklike struktuur,
Een wat geen verterende reën, of woedende Noordelike wind kan vernietig nie
Of die eindelose opvolging van jare of die vervlugting van tyd.
Ek sal nie heeltmaal doodgaan nie, maar ‘n aansienlike deel van my sal die Dood ontsnap:
Ek sal verewig groei, vars in die aansien agting van die nageslag.

(Wor.Bro. Johan Wolfaardt – Parys 30)

I have completed a monument more enduring than bronze
And loftier than the Pyramids' royal structure,
One that no devouring rain, no raging North Wind can destroy,
Or the countless succession of years and the flight of time.
I shall not entirely die, but a considerable part of me shall escape Death:
I shall forever grow, fresh in the esteem of posterity.

(Wor.Bro. Stephan Venter – Parys 30)



Losie Parys.

DISASTER IN JAGERSFONTEIN.

Houses and cars have been swept away by a strong stream of water in Jagersfontein in the Kopanong Local Municipality in the Free State, after the mine dam burst at around 06:00 on Sunday, 11 September 2022.



In response to the disaster in Jagersfontein in, which a mine slimes dam burst, the Freemasons of Central Division along with and Lodge Diamond meeting at Jagersfontein, collected items to help those in desperate need of support. The collections included household goods and appliances. Included in the food donations was one tonne of maize from Losie Senekal. Amongst the

financial donations was a gift of R40000 from the Freemasons of the Bloemfontein Masonic Centre.



Losie Unie. October 2022



Losie Magersfontein. September 2022



Losie Senekal. September 2022

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Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling

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Provinsiale Grootmeester**



Wor Bro E Scholtz.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistant Provinciale Grootmeester.



Wor Bro / Agb Br H Selzer



Wor Bro / Agb Br I Ezeuduji

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master Eastern Division. 2022.

The Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith, OSM
MSA: The Past Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff
Edwards OSM: The Immediate Past Grand Master,
MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM: The Deputy Grand
Master: RW. Bro. Brandon Topham: The Assistant
Grand Masters: RW Bro Alf Bronner, RW Bro
Avron Jacobson MSA, RW Bro Alan van der
Vyver. Provincial Grand Masters from our Sister
Divisions: RW Bro Tommy Hardiman, S.D. RW
Bro Godfrey Place, N.D. RW Bro Keith Hutton,
E.C.D. RW Bro Frans Appelgryn, C.D.
Distinguished Representatives from the Sister
Constitutions.

Right Worshipful Brethren, Very Worshipful
Brethren and Brethren. I welcome you to our 45th
Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL.

At the PGL ED AGM on 8 May 2021, I was
appointed as Acting PGM by the Grand Master,
following the decision by RW Bro Basil de Kock to
step down.

The number of PGL officers appointed at the AGM
increased from 11 to 15, as a result of Officers who
previously resigned returning to the fold. Portfolio's
of Membership and Recruitment, Mentorship, and
Constitutional and Ceremonial were allocated to
specific commissioned officers of PGL. These
Officers will be held responsible for the improved
performance of the Division by means of objective
targets set for them.

An atmosphere of reconciliation was strongly
encouraged during this Masonic year, and has
proven successful as shown by the increased
activity of senior members who were not so active
in recent years.

LODGES IN THE EASTERN DIVISION.

Some lodges have shown drive and initiative to
increase their membership and improve the
happiness of its members.

Lodge First United continues to be the model lodge
in many aspects. Membership is increasing,
secretarial and financial standards are high, and
especially the younger members are very keen and
active regarding education and visitation of other
lodges and Constitutions.

Lodge Meerensee has seen a revival, with senior
members being a lot more active and membership is
on the increase.

Lodge Theophilus is continuing to utilise the
combined meetings with other Constitutions with
great success. They will also install a new
Worshipful Master at their installation in July 2022.

Lodge Neerlandia is building a new culture in their
lodge and Wor Bro Schalk Jacobs is making a
sterling effort, but this lodge as well as **Lodge
Dromedaris** still remain a concern and will have to
make a serious effort to ensure their survival.

CHAIN OFFICERS.

Wor Bro Eric Scholtz as DPGM has years of
experience and the respect of the brethren to build
on and help improve the Division. Wor Bro Bushy
McKelvey as APMG is a very active Mason, despite
all his other commitments.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

With the increased number of PGL officers
appointed, installations and PGL tasks were handled
more efficiently. The PGL officers were made very
aware of the fact that they will not just be wearing
their PGL regalia at installations, they will be
expected to very actively perform the duties of their
office. Wor Bro Rodney Schreuder has had setbacks
regarding his health, and will be stepping down at
the end of the Masonic year. The Division is
eternally grateful to him for his contribution over
many years. RW Bro Basil de Kock is a more than
capable replacement for him and will, no doubt,
strive to improve the standard of the PGL secretarial
duties. Wor Bro Schalk Jacobs has stepped into the
role of PG Treasurer with a lot of enthusiasm and
commitment, with very little prior experience of this
office or the GLSA for that matter.

SISTER DIDIVISIONS.

As a junior PGM, I cannot thank my fellow PGM 's
enough for their guidance and support during the
past year. It is an absolute privilege to be a part of
this group.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

We continue to enjoy very cordial relationships with
our Sister Constitutions. The relationships in this
regard has also improved substantially at the more
junior level, due to increased visiting between
Constitutions.

CHARITY.

With lockdown a thing of the past, we have

stepped up our charity activities again. Hope House, which is a refuge centre for homeless people on the South Coast, has been assisted substantially with funds and physical contributions. They will remain our preferred charity for the foreseeable future. This Division has also recognised the principle that charity starts at home, and we have made every effort to assist our own brethren who have fallen on hard times financially.

FINANCES.

The Eastern Division and its lodges are financially sound and we have met all our financial obligations. Capitation fees have been paid timeously and both our general fund (Barry Brecher Fund) and PGL Benevolent Fund have benefitted from sound investing into Allan Gray fund managers. Most lodges are financially sound but one or two lodges are having difficulties due to members not being able to pay subscriptions, not because of their own doing.

EDUCATION.

Education is a big focus area for the Division, and the junior members are very keen to take on this challenge. Apart from Masonic lectures at regular meetings, several other educational opportunities are being created and the aspects of wider education into other Constitutions and side degrees are also actively encouraged.

CONCLUSION.

In my first year of being PGM of the Eastern Division I have been encouraged by the support of the brethren of my Division as well as Sister Divisions. I am under no illusions regarding the challenges awaiting me and the Division in the coming year, but the past year has been a positive period of building relationships and fellowship in the Eastern Division. I want to thank every brother that has contributed to this situation, and commit myself to making the Eastern Division stronger and better.
S.M.I.B.

RW Bro. Johan van der Merwe. Provincial Grand Master

**Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2022 / 2023**

RW Br JVD Merwe	Prov Grand Master
Wor Br E Scholtz	Deputy Prov Grand Master
Wor Br H Selzer	Asst Prov Grand Master
Wor Br I Ezeuduji	Asst Prov Grand Master
Wor Bro CT Potgieter	Prov Grand Senior Warden
Wor Bro AE Tyrer	Prov Grand Junior Warden
Wor Bro BE Lamprecht	Prov Grand Preceptor
Wor Bro MJ McKelvey	Prov Grand Orator
RW Bro BJ de Kock	Prov Grand Secretary
Wor Bro SJ Jacobs	Prov Grand Treasurer
Wor Bro BE Lamprecht	Prov Grand Master of Ceremony
Wor Bro AJ Power	Prov Grand Almoner
Wor Bro RE Verheijen	Prov Grand Architect
Wor Bro JP Lubbe	Prov Grand Sword Bearer
Wor Bro AJ Power	Prov Grand Banner Bearer
Wor Bro GJ Jordan	Prov Grand Inner Guard
Wor Bro BE Lamprecht	Prov Grand Preceptor

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling as at December 2022

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Meeting	Installation	Special
Neerlandia	31	1922	Rossburgh, 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	Recess				
First United	140	2008	Rossburgh, Durban	1st	Thu	Oct	Sat
Isandlwana	141	2013	Recess				

Lodge	Master	Secretary	e-mail
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Theophilus	R Swart	DE Scholtz	theophilus@grandlodge.co.za
Meerensee	W Murphy	IO Ezeuduji	meerensee@grandlodge.co.za
First United	BE Lamprecht	H Selzer	firstunited@grandlodge.co.za



Lodge First United

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Wor Bro / Agb Br J Lidderd



Wor Bro / Agb Br PN West



Wor Bro / Agb Br DM Stander

**Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master.
Eastern Cape Division. 2021 / 2022**

Today is the climax of a Very Special Masonic year, to have our very own Temple dedicated by the Grand Master with the assistance of his very capable team, in the year when Freemasonry reached the milestone of 250 years in Africa and the 20th year of existence of the PGL Eastern Cape Division, is a hat-trick of achievements in the history of Freemasonry.

In the Eastern Cape, however, we are more concerned with the future and we will all work hard to advance and grow South African Freemasonry in our Province. To see the Brethren working together to develop and create this magnificent building we all now call home has been an achievement but all it really is, is a springboard to the future.

Growth now becomes essential. Spreading the word that Freemasonry has as its main goal, to make the world a better place by using the messages and doctrine of our Order to reach the hearts of men who are looking for that special thing in life which brings purpose to our existence. To develop men of all persuasions religions and creeds to unite and form a special bond working together for our the very noble aim, the betterment of each of us as men and for the benefit of all mankind.

Words are easy but as Freemasons this is our task and journey. We may stumble and fall but together we will succeed. It is not a task that should be met with consternation, the opposite, it is something we should enjoy together having as much unity friendship and fun as we can possibly have.

With our New Temple we must become visible and be seen doing that which is good, caring for our community and having a positive impact on ourselves and the profane world. Fund Raising

supporting the people in our community reaching out to them by example and thus draw them nearer to us. Teaching the young Brethren the beauty of our Order and encouraging and assisting them to understand the message and teachings of Freemasonry. Promoting masonic education, the Ritual Program, travel and companionship. Let us all labour in accordance with masonic principles to better ourselves and each other ensuring we have fun in the process. Freemasonry was meant to be practiced with a smile on your face.

Today two pillars of Freemasonry are stepping down as Commissioned Officers in the Eastern Cape Division. Worshipful Brothers Marius Terblanche and Nowellyn van Vuuren, They now move up to active Grand Lodge rank and I am certain the Grand Master will keep them on their toes. They have stood beside me for 6 years, always performing to the best of their ability and always promoting the best interests of the Order. They have been dependable, committed and pillars of wisdom when I needed advice. We have achieved a great deal in our time together. We have guided 3 new Lodges through consecration and development, redirected De Vereeniging and have taken the finances from zero to solid financial health while we were able to purchase, refurbish and furnish this wonderful place we now call home. Their input and labour has been exceptional and I thank both of you from the bottom of my heart.

To the Brethren stepping in, you have big boots to fill. The future looks bright and very promising for the wonderful thing we call Masonry. May the GAOTU bless and protect us.

**RW Bro Keith Hutton
PGM Eastern Cape Division.**

**Eastern Cape Division / Oostelikekaap Afdeling
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Prov Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro HS Rademeyer
Prov Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro H Buys
Prov Grand Orator	Wor Bro WR Enslin
Prov Grand Secretary	Wor Bro M Terblanche
Prov Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro R Gilmer
Prov Grand Ceremony	Wor Bro DA Nienaber

Prov Grand Almoner	Wor Bro IF Hetherington
Prov Grand Ambassaor	Wor Bro CD Uys
Prov Grand Architect.	Wor Bro C de Vos
Prov Grand Sword Bearer.	Wor Bro EB Delpont
Prov Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro KR Kirwin
Prov Grand Tyler	Wor Bro M Beyleveld
Prov Grand Steward	Wor Bro JF Greef
Prov Grand Perceptor	Wor Bro M Hiles

Eastern Cape Division / Oostelikekaap Afdeling

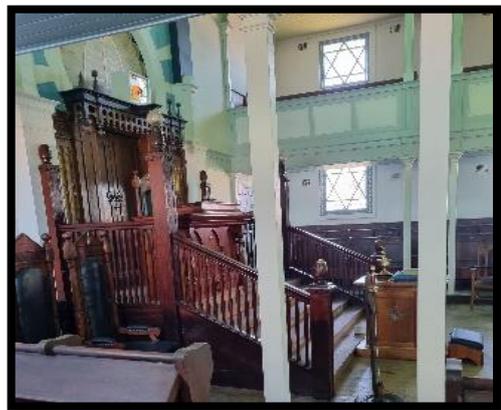
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de Vereeniging	3	1834	Port Alfred	Sat	4th	April	
Royal Protea	55	1948	East London	Thu	4th	Nov	1st Sat
Tolerance	142	2015	Port Elizabeth	Mon	1st	Jul	1st Sat
Sonheuwel	143	2017	Port Elizabeth	Tue	2nd	Jun	4th Sat
Jeffreys Bay	145	2021	Port Elizabeth	Saturday	3rd	Aug	3 rd Sat

Lodge	Master	Secretary	e-mail
de Vereeniging	Wor Bro MJ Terblanche	Wor Bro J Kruger	devereeniging@grandlodge.co.za
Jeffreys Bay	Wor Bro JJC Lidderd	Wor Bro MJ Terblanche	jeffreysbay@grandlodge.co.za
Royal Protea	Wor Bro M Hiles	Wor Bro V Tabanelli	royalprotea@grandlodge.co.za
Sonheuwel	Wor Bro X Macleod	Wor Bro DM Stander	sonheuwel@grandlodge.co.za
Tolerance	Wor Bro IF Hetherington	Wor Bro ER Dyer	tolerance@grandlodge.co.za



Lodge Jeffrey's Bay. September 2022

The dedication of the Temple in Port Elizabeth.



Jeffrey's Bay Temple



Jeffrey's Bay





Lodge Tolerance. October 2022



Presentation of Order of Service to Masonry (OSM) to RW Bro K Hutton.



Lodge de Vereeniging

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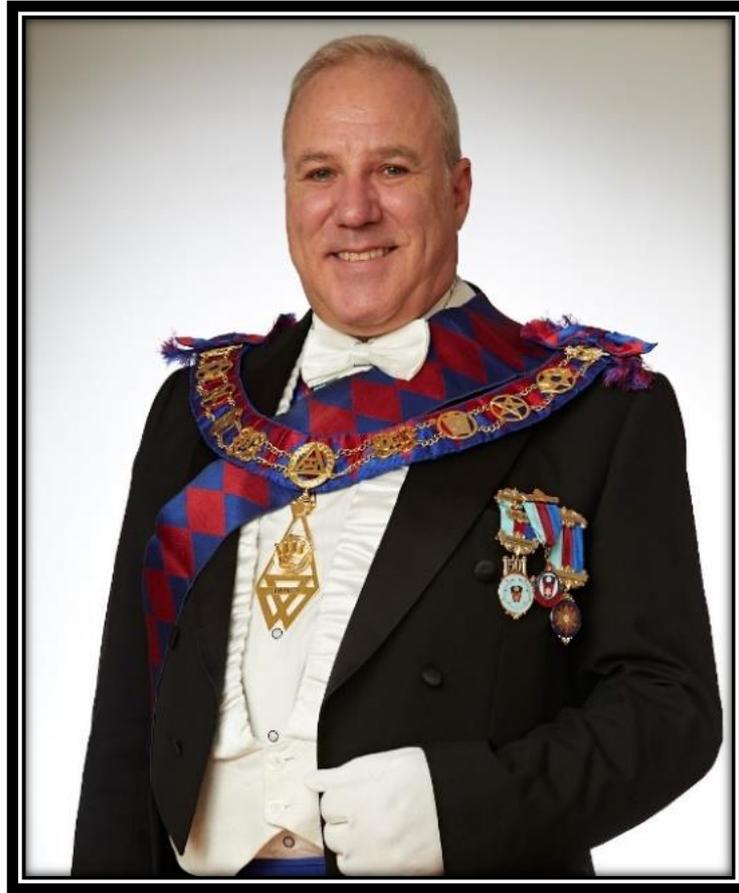
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Grand Scribe E Groot Skriba E	MEC / SVM LB van der Linde

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First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal



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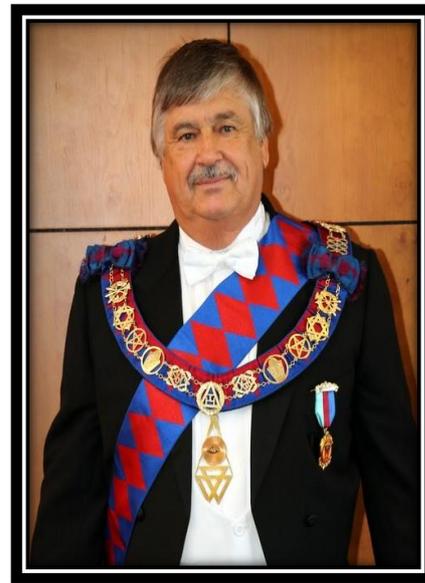
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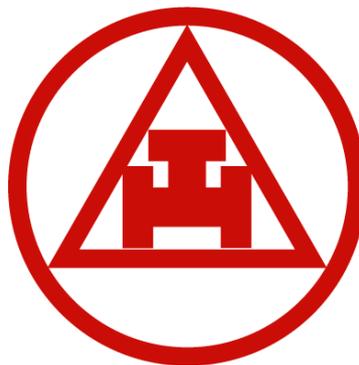


**Third Grand Principal /
Derde Groot Prinsipaal
MEC / SVM A Bronner**

**Annual Report of the First Grand Principal
of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa.**

**Jaarverslag Van Die Eerste Groot Prinsipaal
van die Opperste Groot Koninklike Gewelf Kapittel Van Suid Afrika.**

15 October 2022 / 15 Oktober 2022



Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions, it is my honour and privilege to deliver this, my first annual report as the First Grand Principal of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Before doing so, I wish to acknowledge and express my sincere thanks to the Past First Grand Principals who are still with us, being MEC Petrus Naude MSA, MEC Alfred Rhodie, MEC Neville Klein OSM and MEC Johannes Britz MSA as well as the two Past Grand Masters on whom the rank of First Grand Principal

was conferred, being MEC Geoffrey Edwards OSM and MEC David Duncan OSM. All these Companions have, directly and indirectly, contributed to the growth, progress, stability and external recognition of this Supreme Grand Chapter.

Companions all, I welcome you in Cape Town and to this Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter. I trust that you enjoyed the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter,

Southern Division this morning and I thank you most sincerely for your attendance at this meeting as well. We will be holding a formal mixed banquet in the De Goede Hoop refectory this evening and I trust that you have all reserved your places with the Grand Scribe E.

Although I was elected during March 2021, I could only be installed as the First Grand Principal during February 2022 as a result of the Covid pandemic and I again thank MEC Johan Britz MSA for remaining in this office, after serving two successive terms, until I could officially take over the reign. As a result thereof, this report may contain certain aspects which are reflected in his 2021 annual report.

INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL.

On Saturday, 26 February 2022 we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division. Thereafter it held its postponed 2021 Annual Convocation in this De Goede Hoop Temple where after MEC Britz MSA installed the new Grand Superintendent, MEC Mahmoud Patel. I attended these ceremonies in my capacity as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

After a light lunch, MEC Britz MSA and his Co-Principals opened the postponed 2021 Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter and graciously admitted me again in my capacity as the Grand Master. After a well conducted Annual Convocation at which MEC Britz MSA delivered a detailed and informative annual report, he disinvested his Co-Principals and Grand Superintendents and after my election as the new First Grand Principal had been confirmed, I was duly conducted from the temple.

I was thereafter received in Chapter regalia as the First Grand Principal Elect and MEC Britz MSA, together with certain appointed Grand Chapter Officers, proceeded to install me in a flawless and impressive manner, for which I again thank you and all the Grand Chapter Officers who assisted you. I also again thank EC Cobis Wilson for singing a beautiful hymn on my entry into the temple. I also again thank MEC Leslie Martin for presenting me and all the distinguished Companions who formed my Escort of Honour, many of whom are present here today.

It was then my privilege to present the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) to MEC Johan Britz in recognition of his exceptional contribution to Royal Arch Freemasonry over a period in excess of 25 years. It was also my pleasure to present 25 year service lapel pins to MEC Geoffrey Edwards OSM, MEC Alfred Rhodie, MEC Johannes Britz MSA,

MEC Leslie Martin, MEC John Harmse and EC Cedric Moroukian.

We were further honoured to host representatives from the Supreme Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, Scotland, Benin and Mauritius. MEC Bernard Neuhaus, representing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mauritius, presented new Principals' robes to myself and my Co-Principals, which we are wearing today. I again thank the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mauritius most sincerely for this very generous and useful gift.

GRAND COMMITTEE.

Prior to the Covid pandemic, the Grand Committee met two or three times per year. The consequences of the pandemic however forced us to adapt to the modern technology which is available to us and we now hold regular and successful Grand Committee meetings via zoom, which enables the members of this Committee to remain firmly involved with the activities of the Provincial Grand Chapters, the Royal Arch Chapters, the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and the Cryptic Councils. I thank the Grand Scribe E, MEC Louis van der Linde, and all the members of the Grand Committee for all your work and continued dedication and commitment in this regard.

MEC Dawie van Rooyen, the Second Grand Principal, will be relocating to George and will not be available to fill this position in the new year. I have accordingly appointed MEC Brandon Topham, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, to the office Second Grand Principal.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTERS / ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Most of the Royal Arch Chapters re-commenced with their work during about mid-2021 after a lockdown period of more than 14 months. I particularly thank EC Marius Mostert, the Deputy Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division, who effortlessly took over the control of that Division following the sudden and untimely death of the Grand Superintendent, MEC Martin Kotze.

Shortly thereafter and during June 2021 and while we all still wore masks and practiced social distancing, we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Northern Division with a Rededication Ceremony, which was performed by MEC Britz. He thereafter installed MEC Brian Masencamp, who had been appointed to the office of Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division during 2020. His main task was to re-establish Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Free State Province and I am pleased to report that after more

than a year's hard work, we have done so with the re-opening of Chapter Unie, which will work in Welkom.

During April 2022 we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Chapter Fiat Lux in Port Alfred and of Chapter Johannes Truter in Worcester with Rededication Ceremonies. I thank the Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division, MEC Mahmoud Patel; the Assistant Grand Superintendent, MEC Keith Hutton and all the Companions who were involved in these events for your hard work and commitment. One of the elderly and senior Companions from the English Constitution who attended the event in Port Alfred, stated that in his more than 50 years as a Royal Arch Freemason, he had never witnessed a more interesting, sincere and moving ceremony.

During June 2022 we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Chapters Koh-I-Noor, Orange and De Broederband with a combined Rededication Ceremony at the Willows Masonic Center in Pretoria. We thereafter attended the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Northern Division and I again thank all the Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter Officers for all your efforts which ensured that these events were executed correctly, professionally and with the required decorum and sincerity. I again congratulate EC Dino Kyriazis on your appointment as the Assistant Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division.

During August 2022 we celebrated the re-opening of Chapter Unie, no. 3 in the Free State, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Northern Division. I thank all the Companions who worked hard to accomplish this, especially MEC Johan Britz MSA, MEC Brian Masencamp and MEC Alfred Bronner. I also thank MEC Louis van der Linde and EC Frans Appelgryn for your assistance and support as well as all the Companions who travelled to Parys to ensure that Royal Arch Freemasonry has become re-established in this Province. I am confident that the Companions in the Free State, several of whom are senior members of the Grand Lodge, will encourage the Craft members of our Lodges in Welkom and the surrounding towns and cities to support this resuscitated Royal Arch Chapter and thereby enhance our members' Masonic experience.

During September 2022 we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Chapter Horeb with a Rededication Ceremony in Krugersdorp. I was unfortunately not able to attend to this ceremony and I thank MEC Johan Britz MSA most sincerely for standing in for me and conducting this ceremony in the flawless and professional manner for which he is known.

We presently have 17 Royal Arch Chapters, 5 Cryptic Councils and 3 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. Our future holds much promise with the proposed re-opening of the Royal Arch Chapter Unity in Carltonville in the Northern Division and the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Jeffrey's Bay in the Southern Division.

ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES AND CRYPTIC COUNCILS.

The education, insight and advanced knowledge which every member of this Supreme Grand Chapter can receive through the Royal Ark Mariner and Cryptic Council degrees which we offer, is unparalleled. For the members of the Supreme Grand Chapter who may not be members of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, I invite you to obtain a copy of the section on Royal Arch Freemasonry as contained in the Grand Lodge's Masonic Book of Life from your Provincial Grand Scribe E. I am confident that the summary of these interesting degrees which is contained therein, will sufficiently pique your interest to become members of these Orders.

I thank MEC Paul Smit and the Companions who have assisted you in updating and finalising the Rituals for all the degrees in these two Orders and I have tasked the Grand Superintendents to pay particular attention to the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and the Cryptic Councils under their jurisdiction in the coming year.

I want to re-introduce the Royal Ark Mariner and Cryptic Council Orders in the Free State, Eastern Cape and KWA-Zulu Natal Provinces and I have requested the Deputy First Grand Principal, the Assistant First Grand Principal as well as the Second and Third Grand Principals to pay special attention to this. I am confident that as more Royal Arch members join these two Orders they will not only flourish, but our members will reap the benefits of this additional and invaluable Masonic education.

SECRETARIAL AND FINANCE.

I have been truly blessed to have had MEC Louis van der Linde as the Grand Scribe E and MEC Dawie van Rooyen as the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Acting Grand Treasurer. I thank you two worthy Companions most sincerely for all your hard work, which you attend to in a quiet and unassuming manner and I commend you for your ever readiness and availability to render assistance and advice to all who call upon you. MEC Van Rooyen will still be available to look after our finances and I have appointed him as the Grand Treasurer and he will be obligated and invested

today as such.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE.

I introduced special Awards of Excellence at my installation and I presented awards to the following three (3) Companions as a token of our esteem and appreciation for the work which they do as Royal Arch Freemasons:

MEC Raymond Franks for the exemplary manner in which he actively and continuously encouraged the Companions of the Chapters, Lodges and Councils in the Northern Division during the lock down period and while all physical meetings were suspended as a result of the Covid Pandemic.

MEC Louis van der Linde for the exemplary discharge of his duties as the Grand Scribe Ezra and as the Acting Provincial Grand Second Principal of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Southern Division during the past year.

EC Jacobus Wilson for the exemplary discharge of his duties as the Provincial Grand Third Principal and the Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Southern Division as well as in his Chapter, during the past year.

Several further Companions have become conspicuous by the fine example which they set in their Chapters, Lodges and Councils and it will be my pleasure to present similar awards at the Annual Convocation this year.

RITUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

I have requested the Grand Superintendents to promote Ritual excellence in our Chapters, Lodges and Councils and we will be watching our members closely during the next year to determine who will be eligible to receive an award for Ritual Excellence at the Supreme Grand Chapter's Annual Convocation next year. We will determine the criteria for the awards and I invite all Companions to seize this opportunity to study your rituals.

AWARD FOR THE BEST CHAPTER, LODGE OR COUNCIL.

We are blessed to have a large number of dedicated Royal Arch Freemasons who try to ensure that their Chapters, Lodges or Councils are not only successful, but are flourishing. I have also requested the Grand Superintendents to submit recommendations to me to present an award in the form of a floating trophy to the Chapter, Lodge or Council which performs the best during the next year. Attendance at meetings, growth in membership, standard of ritual work, social activity

and charitable contributions will be some of the criteria which will be considered to determine the recipient of this award.

AWARD FOR THE BEST SCRIBE EZRA OF THE YEAR.

The office of Scribe Ezra at any level of the organisation is often considered a thankless task. Notwithstanding this, we have several Companions who excel in this position and so I have re-introduced a Supreme Grand Chapter Award for the Best Scribe Ezra of the Year. This is not only to reward a worthy Companion for the excellent work which he has done in this regard, but rather to encourage all other Companions in the office of Scribe Ezra to improve their standard. I will be presenting a floating trophy to one worthy Companion at this Annual Convocation and I trust that this will be an inspiration for others to emulate.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The relationship between the members of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and those of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa is very good and we are truly blessed that for the past several years both these independent Masonic bodies have shared, and still share, the same vision, objectives and aim. As the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, I am further blessed to have several senior Craft Brethren as senior Officers of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. They all know and understand Royal Arch Freemasonry and it is my hope that more members of the Grand Lodge will become members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as this will ensure an even stronger bond between these two Masonic Orders. The Grand Lodge Yearbook will again prominently feature our Royal Arch Order.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

During May 2022 we were invited by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England to attend the installation of the new Grand Superintendent of their District Grand Chapter in Bloemfontein. I thank MEC Bronner for accompanying me to Bloemfontein where we met the Pro First Grand Principal, MEC Peter Lowndes and certain other Grand Chapter and District Grand Chapter Officers of the English Constitution. The installation of the new Grand Superintendent was well executed by the Companions from London and the time which MEC Brandon Topham and I spent with them was most enjoyable and very fruitful.

During June 2022 a large number of Companions attended the celebration of 250 years of Freemasonry in South Africa, which was held in Cape Town. Although this was essentially a Craft

event, many of the foreign Grand Masters and other senior Grand Lodge Officers who attended this event are also the First Grand Principals or senior Companions of their Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters. Our formal and social interaction with them was equally enjoyable and very fruitful and we look forward to fostering closer and lasting relationships with them. I thank MEC David Duncan OSM for all his work as the chairman of this committee. As he has emigrated to England, I will take over this committee and will co-opt suitable and experienced Companions to assist me therein.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

We are equally blessed to enjoy a very good, healthy and fraternal relationship with the members of our Sister Constitutions. This was again exhibited during the 250 year celebration of Freemasonry in South Africa when large numbers of Brethren and Companions of the Sister Constitutions from all parts of the country attended these events. The contributions by the members of the Sister Constitutions to the compilation of the Heritage Book has ensured that this book will be a lasting legacy to Freemasonry in this country. I am pleased that the Royal Arch Order is well represented in this book and if any Companion has not yet purchased it, be sure to do so.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Each and every Companion is an ambassador of Royal Arch Freemasonry in general and of this Supreme Grand Chapter in particular. It has been well said that Royal Arch Freemasonry is the very root and marrow of Freemasonry and it is our duty to promote the Royal Arch Order wherever we can. I remind you that we have many visible ways of doing so, for example we have Royal Arch ties, both blue and maroon; Royal Arch membership and Golden Jubilee jewels which may be worn with Royal Arch and Craft Lodge regalia; credit card holders with the Royal Arch crest thereon and Royal Arch cufflinks, all of which may be purchased through the Grand Scribe E.

Shortly before the Covid lockdown, we crafted a ceremony which introduced Royal Arch Freemasonry to Craft Brethren. Several of the Craft Brethren who we invited to these events joined our Chapters and are enjoying their experience as Royal Arch Freemasons. I have requested the Third Grand Principal, MEC Alf Bronner, to champion this cause and I look forward to the Grand Superintendents encouraging the Royal Arch Chapters to regularly host these events for the Brethren of Craft lodges.

THE NEW MASONIC YEAR.

I have appointed the following Companions as Chairmen of the following Committees and I invite all Companions of this Supreme Grand Chapter to give them your assistance and support:

- MEC Avron Jacobson MSA – Constitution, Procedure and Regalia
- MEC Johannes Britz MSA – Ritual (including Ritual Excellence)
- MEC Brandon Topham – Membership and Public Relations
- MEC Alf Bronner – “What is Royal Arch Freemasonry”

CONCLUSION.

I thank the True and Living God Most High for preserving my health and strength; for keeping us safe; for watching over our welfare and prosperity and for guiding me in my thoughts, words and actions and thereby enabling me to fulfil my duties as the First Grand Principal.

I thank the Deputy First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA; the Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Leslie Martin; the Second Grand Principal, MEC Dawie van Rooyen; the Third Grand Principal, MEC Alfred Bronner; the Grand Scribe E, MEC Louis van der Linde and all the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, present and past, for your continued commitment and support. I thank all the newly appointed Supreme Grand Chapter officers for accepting their appointments and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

I thank the two Grand Superintendents, MEC Mahmoud Patel and MEC Brian Masencamp and all the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers, present and past, for your continued dedication and commitment to Royal Arch Freemasonry and particularly, to your respective Provincial Grand Chapters.

I thank the Most Excellent Zerubbabels and the Co-Principals of the Royal Arch Chapters, the Commanders Noah of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and the Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Cryptic Councils and all your Officers and Members for your zeal and fidelity. Every meeting of every Chapter, Lodge and Council which we attend not only enhances our knowledge of Royal Arch Freemasonry, but also our understanding of our Divine Creator. Let us actively encourage our fellow Brethren to share therein.

Lastly and equally importantly, I thank my wife, Edelweiss and my family for your unconditional love for me and support of my membership of Freemasonry.

Companions all, we are happy to meet; we are sorry to part but we will be happy to meet again. To all those who have travelled to Cape Town for this Convocation, I wish you a safe journey back to your home and to your loved ones and I look forward to

seeing you all again very soon.

cultores Dei perseveremus esse et mundi cives utque mundum meliorem omnibus populis iuvenus facere
- let us continue to be worshippers of God and citizens of the World so that we may help to make the World better for all people. SMIB.

**MEC John Smith OSM MSA
First Grand Principal**



The Immediate Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz, installed the First Grand Principal elect, MEC John Smith OSM MSA and presented his Letters Patent to him.

26 February 2022

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023**OPPERSTE GROOTKAPITTEL AMPSDREAERS 2022-2023**

The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester	MW Bro / HE Br JEH Smith OSM.MSA/ODV.TVD
First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM JEH Smith OSM.MSA/ODV.TVD
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Grand Superintendent / Groot Superintendent (SD/SA)	MEC / SVM MMH Patel
Grand Superintendent / Groot Superintendent (ND/NA)	MEC / SVM B Masencamp
Grand Scribe E / Groot Skriba E	MEC / SVM LB van der Linde
Grand Treasurer / Groot Penningmeester	MEC / SVM D van Rooyen
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba N	MEC / SVM J Markantonis
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba N	MEC / SVM P Smit
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba N	MEC / SVM R Ingle
Grand Master of Ceremony / Groot Seremoniemeester	MEC / SVM J Harmse
Grand Master of Ceremony / Groot Seremoniemeester	MEC / SVM E Doucas
Asst. Grand Master of Ceremony / Asst. Groot Seremoniemeester	EC / VM E Steenkamp
Asst. Grand Master of Ceremony / Asst. Groot Seremoniemeester	EC / VM S de Kock
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoofbesoeker	EC / VM D Markantonis
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoeker	EC / VM I Muthien
Grand Almoner / Groot Aalmoesnier	EC / VM A Germishuys
Grand Sword Bearer / Groot Swaarddraer	Vacant / Vakant
Grand Standard Bearer / Groot Vaandeldraer	Vacant / Vakant



**Grand Scribe Ezra /
Groot Skriba Ezra
MEC / SVM Louis van der Linde**

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

	Name of Recipient / Naam van	Year / Jaar	Rank / Rang
*	Kroukamp JJ	1985	Past First Grand Principal.
*	Lewis N	1986	Past Grand Superintendent (SD)
*	Menego BR	1986	Past Deputy First Grand Principal.
*	Levin M OSM	1988	Past First Grand Principal.
*	Van Niekerk A OSM	1988	Past First Grand Principal (Conferred).
*	Kaestner SP	1988	Past Grand Scribe E.
*	Gasson SR OSM	1989	Past First Grand Principal (Conferred).
**	Smit HPJJ	1994	Past First Grand Principal.
	Naudé JP	2006	Past First Grand Principal.
**	Cronje JP	2013	Past Deputy First Grand Principal.
**	Archer HW	2014	Past Grand Scribe E.
	Smith JEH OSM	2018	Deputy First Grand Principal.
	Jacobson AI	2019	Grand Scribe E.
	Britz JJ	2022	Past First Grand Principal.
*	Deceased / Oorlede	**	Resigned / Bedank



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, bestowed the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) on the Immediate Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz MSA

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PAST FIRST GRAND PRINCIPALS / OUD-ERSTE GROOTPRINSIPALE

*	MEC E Conradie	OSM /ODV		1969 to 1976
*	MEC SR Gasson	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1976 to 1983
*	MEC JJ Kroukamp		MSA /TVD	1983 to 1988
*	MEC M Levin	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1988 to 1991
*	MEC HPJJ Smit		MSA /TVD	1991 to 1994
*	MEC N Rudram			1994 to 1997
*	MEC AAR Alexander	OSM/ODV		1997 to 2000
	MEC PJ Naude		MSA /TVD	2000 to 2006
	MEC AGA Rhoodie			2006 to 2009
	MEC N Klein	OSM /ODV		2009 to 2012
*	MEC WF Prentzler			2012 to 2015
	MEC JJ Britz		MSA /TVD	2015 to 2021

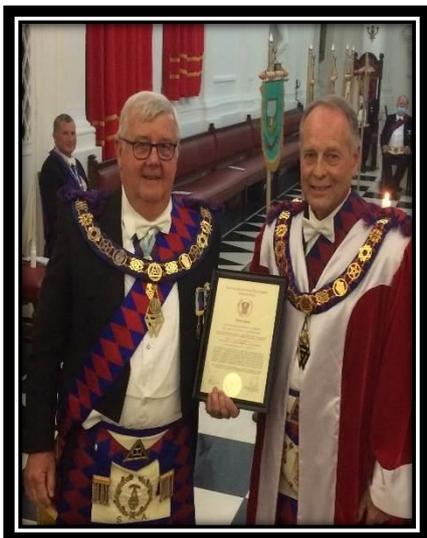
* Deceased / Oorlede

PAST PRO FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL / OUD-PRO-EERSTE GROOTPRINSIPALE

*	MEC HM Daleboudt	OSM /ODV		1969 to 1970
*	MEC JJ Straus			1970 to 1974
*	MEC RA Geisler			1974 to 1978
*	MEC JJ Kroukamp		MSA /TVD	1978 to 1983

PAST FIRST GRAND PRINCIPALS CONFERRED / OUD-EERSTE GROOTPRINSIPALE

*	MEC JEA Salem			1969
*	MEC CB Groenewald	OSM /ODV		1984
*	MEC A van Niekerk	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1988
*	MEC RS Bauser	OSM /ODV		1991
*	MEC BG Lindeque	OSM /ODV		2003
*	MEC JT Bowen	OSM /ODV		2009
*	MEC A Watson	OSM /ODV		2014
	MEC GR Edwards	OSM /ODV		2017
	MEC D J Duncan	OSM / ODV		2020



The first Grand Principal. MEC John Smith OSM MSA handed the Letters Patent to the Assistant First Grand Principal. MEC Leslie Martin.



The first Grand Principal. MEC John Smith OSM MSA handed the Letters Patent to the Second and Third Grand Principals, MEC Dawie van Royen and MEC Alf Bronner.

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

Southern Division /Suidelike Afdeling									
*	Lewis	N	MSA / TVD	1971-1979	*	Van Zyl	AJJ		2001-2002
*	Bell	EA		1979-1982		Rhoodie	AGA		2002-2005
*	Franken	P		1982-1986	*	Sumner	GH		2005-2013
*	Wapnick	AE		1986-1989		Carstens	BGR		2013-2017
*	Prentzler	WF		1989-1995		Van Rooyen	D		2017-2021
	Loat	JA		1995-1998		Patel	MM H		2021-
*	Low	LA		1998-2001	*	Deceased			
Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling									
*	Burnard	F		1971-1972		Naude	PJ	MSA/TVD	1993-1998
*	Brink	GG		1972-1975	*	Rossouw	FP		1998-2000
*	Menego	BR	MSA/TVD	1975-1979		Cronje	JP	MSA/TVD	2000-2004
*	Greenman	S		1979-1982		Harris	R		2004-2005
*	Wilkins	JJM		1982-1983		Britz	JJ		2005-2009
*	Smit	HPJJ	MSA/TVD	1983-1987		Schaum	H		2009-2013
*	Esterhuizen	WM		1987-1988		Du Toit	T		2013-2016
*	Gould	L		1988-1991	*	Kotze	M		2016-2021
*	Menego	BR	MSA/TVD	1991-1993		Masencamp	BM		2021-
Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling									
*	Parks	B		1971-1972		Janse van Rensburg	PL		1995-2003
	SGC			1972-1991		Dreyer	JH		2003-2004
*	Alexander	AAR	OSM/ODV	1991-1992					
*	Watkinson	PM	OSM/ODV	1992-1995					

PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS / OUD-GROOTKAPITEL AMPDRAERS									
Past Deputy First Grand Principal / Oud-Adjunk Eerste Grootprinsipale									
*	Brits	PRJM			*	Geisler	RA		
	Cronje	JP	MSA/TVD			Smith	JEH	OSM/ODV	MSA/TVD
*	Franken	P			*	Wilkins	JJM		

Past Assistant First Grand Principal / Oud Assistent Eerste Groot Prinsipaal									
	Carstens	B							
Past Second Grand Principal / Oud Tweede Groot Prinsipaal									
	Karstens	GS				*	Sumner	G	
*	Louis	SL					Pembroke	A	
*	Pistorius	FWT					Burke	T	
	Van Rooyen	D							
Past Third Grand Principal / Oud Derde Groot Prinsipaal									
*	Low	A					Neuhaus	B	
Past Grand Scribe E / Oud Groot Skriba E									
*	Ackermann	GF				*	Kaestner	SP	MSA/TVD
	Archer	HW	MSA/TVD			*	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
*	Brecher	B					Planting	C	
Past Grand Treasurer / Oud Groot Penningmeester									
	Ingle	R							
Past Grand Scribe N / Oud Groot Skriba N									
	King	B				*	Myburgh	P	
	Grobbelaar	J					van Wyk	M	
*	Haasbroek	J				*	Whittaker	JW	
Past Grand Preceptor / Oud Groot Leermeester									
*	Opperman	J							
Past Grand Master of Ceremony / Oud Groot Seremoniemeester									
*	Bowen	JT	OSM/ODV				Olivier	JT	
*	Loxton	RT				*	Snyman	JL	
	Mould	R				*	van der Merwe	P	
*	Myburgh	PWA							
Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony / Oud Assistent Groot Seremoniemeester									
	Schreuder	R					Van Wyk	V	
Past Grand Principal Sojourner / Oud Groot Hoofbesoeker									
	Boshoff	FD					Hudson-Lamb	D	
	De Vos Rabie	G				*	Supra	R	
	Duncan	A				*	Wethmar	H	
Past Grand Second Sojourner / Oud Groot Tweedebesoeker									
	Roodt	F							
Past Grand Third Sojourner / Oud Groot Derde Besoeker									
	Perrow	K					Borthma	R	
Past Grand Regalia Custodian / Oud Groot Regaliabewaarder									
*	Wentzel	R							
Past Grand Sword Bearer / Oud Groot Swaarddraer									
Past Grand Janitor / Oud Groot Deurwagter									
*	Kommel	B							
Past Grand Steward / Oud Groot Hofmeester									
	Gruss	B							

**PAST GRAND CHAPTER RANKS CONFERRED / OUD GROOTKAPPITEL RANGE
TOEGEKEN**

Past Deputy First Grand Principal / Oud Adjunk Eerste Groot Prinsipaal									
*	Menego	BR	MSA /TVD						
Past Assistant First Grand Principal / Oud Assistent Eerste Groot Prinsipaal									
*	Fouche	PS			*	Kaestner	SP	MSA /TVD	
Past Second Grand Principal / Oud Tweede Groot Prinsipaal									
	Franks	RA			*	Watkinson	P	MSA /TVD	
*	Staal	FB							
Past Third Grand Principal / Oud Derde Groot Prinsipaal									
*	Clemens	Jl			*	Hayward	ER		
*	Crous	RH				Kukkuk	IW		
	Edwards	OL				Marais	FJ		
*	Feigel	FT			*	van Zyl	AJ		
*	Hanke	LeR			*	Wellish	W		
Past Grand Scribe E / Oud Groot Skriba E									
	Ingle	E				Markantonis	J		
Past Scribe N / Oud Groot Skriba N									
*	Blitz	J				Spalding	DH		
*	Hollevoet	PFM			*	Wentzel	R		
	Smit	P							
Past Grand Master of Ceremony / Oud Groot Sereniemeester									
	Burke	T				Maricich	KA		
	Grant	JA				Mitchell	SI		
	Hutton	K				Topham	B		
	Mostert	M							
Past Asst. Grand Master of Ceremony / Oud Asst. Groot Seremoniemeester									
*	Ziervogel	C							
Past Grand Principal Sojourner / Oud Groot Hoofbesoeker									
	Cosway	DJ			*	van Niekerk	C		
	Hudson-Lamb	DJ							
Past Grand Second Sojourner / Oud Groot Tweedebesoeker									
	Patel	MM H				Terblanche	M		
	Hiles	M				Van Vuuren	N		
Past Grand Third Sojourner / Oud Groot Derdebiesoeker									
*	Correira	AM			*	Opperman	D		
	Lotter	M			*	Stevens	AJ		
	Wilson	C							
Past Grand Sword Bearer / Oud Groot Swaarddraer									
	Davies	GA				McDonald	M		
	East	JJ				MacPherson	H		
*	Ioannou	M				Russell	WJ		
	Kruger	M				van Wyk	V		
Past Grand Banner Bearer / Oud Groot Vaandeldraer									
	Botha	TJGV							
Past Grand Janitor / Oud Groot Deurwagter									
*	Mocke	J							



*The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA presented the Letters Patent to the Grand Superintendent Southern Division, MEC Mahmoud Patel and to the Grand Superintendent Northern Division, MEC Brian Masencamp.
26 February 2022*

**REPRESENTATIVES SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS
VERTEENWOORDIGERS SUSTER GROOTKAPITTELS**

GRAND CHAPTER	THEIR REPRESENTATIVE	OUR REPRESENTATIVE
Belgium	MEC Jan Corbet	
Canada		MEC B Neuhaus
England	Grand Scribe E	MEC J Britz
France		MEC D van Rooyen
Germany	E Petersen	MEC B King
Greece	MEC C Sariyiannides	MEC J Markantonis
India	DD Udeshi	MEC N Klein
Ireland	MEC Ian WG Rudd	MEC JEH Smith
Israel		MEC AI Jacobson
Mexico	OJ Salinas	MEC A Bronner
Netherlands	MEC Dick van Bentveld	MEC Piet Naude
New South Wales		MEC T Du Toit
Nova Scotia	REC Edward Greenfield	MEC R Schreuder
Prov of Manitoba		MEC G Edwards
New Zealand	MEC Graham K Redman	EC B Topham
Province of Ontario		MEC A Jacobson
Scotland	MEC John Alexander Fraser	MEC B Carstens
South Australia	MEC Chris Selwood	MEC R Franks
State of New York	REC Joseph A Quinones	MEC P Smit
Victoria Australia	EC Mike Novis	MEC T Burke
New Brunswick	MEC Christopher Kitson	MEC JEH Smith

CHAPTER DETAILS / KAPITTEL BESONDERHEDE

Chapter No	Chapter Name	Division	City/Town	Meeting Days	Meeting Months
1	Mutual	SD	Cape Town	4th Mon	Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Nov
4	Dromedaris (Recess)	ND	Durban		
5	Johannes Truter	SD	Worcester	1st Thu	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec
7	Koh-I-Noor (Recess)	ND	Pretoria		
8	Fiat Lux	SD	Port Elizabeth	1 st Sat	11Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct
10	De Broedeband	ND	Krugersdorp	2nd Tue	Feb, Apr, Oct
12	Orange	ND	Rustenburg	4th Wed	Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov
13	Horeb	ND	Krugersdorp	3rd Tue	Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Nov
14	Witbank	ND	Kinross	3rd Tue	Months with 5 Tues
15	Fidelity	ND	Orange Grove	4th Mon	Every Month Jan to Nov
16	De Goede Kaap	SD	Cape Town	3rd Wed	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
23	Brixton 790	ND	Kensington	1st Wed	Feb. Apr, Jun
24	Acacia 231	ND	Pretoria	3rd Tue	Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct
25	Golden Thistle 245	ND	Orange Grove	1st Thu	Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Dec
26	St Andrew 647	ND	Relocating		
27	Amajuba 316	ND	Secunda	2nd Wed	Apr, Jul, Oct

CRYPTIC COUNCIL DETAILS / BESONDERHEDE

Cryptic Council No	Cryptic Council Name	Division	City/Town	Meeting Days	Meeting Months
2	Belville	SD	Cape Town	4 th Wed	Jan, May, Aug, Oct
6	Eendracht Maakt Mag	ND	Krugersdorp	5 th Sat	Months with 5 Sats
15	Fidelity	ND	Orange Grove	4 th Mon	Mar, May, Oct
23	Brixton	ND	Johannesburg	3 rd . Mon	Jul, Sep
24	Acacia	ND	Pretoria	3 rd . Tue	Jul, Sep

ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES /LOSIES

RAM No	RAM Name	Division		Meeting Days	Meeting Months
16	De Goede Kaap	SD	Cape Town	4th Tue	Mar, Jun, Aug, Nov
23	Brixton	ND	Johannesburg	1st Wed	Jul, Sep
24	Acacia	ND	Pretoria	3rd. Tue	Mar, May

CHAPTER OFFICERS / KAPITTEL AMPSDRAERS

Chapter No	Chapter Name	Installation Day & Month	MEZ	Scribe Ezra Name	Scribe Ezra Contact No
1	Mutual	4th Mon, Nov	F Begot	LB van der Linde	(082) 787 5718
3	Unie	4 th Sat, July	A Bronner	JJ Britz MSA	(071) 682 1608
4	Dromedaris	Recess			
5	Johannes Truter	1st Thu, Sep	H Oates	B Carstens	(083) 226 8794
7	Koh-I-Noor	Recess			
8	Fiat Lux	1st Sat, Apr	M Hiles	M Terblanche	(082) 728 3201
10	De Broedeband	2nd Sat, Jul	R Ingle	J Harmse	(063) 844 2769
12	Orange	3rd Sat, May	G Bosch	P A Pretorius	(083) 396 1695
13	Horeb	3rd Sat, Sept	S de Kock	M Mostert	(083) 320 3169
14	Witbank	1st Sat, Oct	H Klopper	H Smith	

15	Fidelity	4th Sat, Aug	I Huntly	S Mabiala	
16	De Goede Kaap	3rd Wed, Nov	M Gessler	G Edwards OSM	(083) 330 0083
23	Brixton 790	1st Wed, Oct	M de Jager	R Franks	(082) 458 4767
24	Acacia 231	3rd Tues, Oct	LJ Gerber	D Kyriazis	(083) 302 8118
25	Golden Thistle 245	1st Thurs, Oct	P Rigopoulos	P Smit	(082) 337 1160
26	St Andrew 647	Relocating			
27	Amajuba 316	Last Sat, Jan	Paul Smit	B I Wickens	(082) 490 5368

CRYPTIC COUNCIL OFFICERS / AMPSDRAERS

Council No	Cryptic Council Name	Installation Day & Month	TIM	Recorder Name	Recorder Contact No
2	Belville	5th Thurs, Aug	A Jacobson	C Wilson	(083) 284 4684
6	Eendracht Maakt Mag	1st 5th Sat of year	J Harmse	M Mostert	(084) 512 7505
15	Fidelity	3rd Sat, Aug	J Dawe	J Harmse	(063) 844 2769
23	Brixton 790	3rd Tue, Jan	S. Labuschagne	R Franks	(082) 458 4767
24	Acacia 231	3rd Tue Jan	M.MacDonald	D Hudson-Lamb	(082) 809 5631

ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGE OFFICERS /LOSIE AMPSDRAERS

RAM Lodge No	RAM Lodge Name	Installation Day & Month	Commander Noah	Recorder Name	Recorder Contact No
16	De Goede Kaap	5th Mon Nov	S Marsh	C Wilson	(083) 284 4684
23	Brixton 790	1 st Tues, Nov	W Ackerman	R Franks	(082) 458 4767
24	Acacia 231	1 st Tues, Nov	D Kyriazis	D Hudson-Lamb	(082) 809 5631



*Installation of Chapter Johannes Truter, Western Cape
9 April 2022*



*50 year Rededication and Installation of Chapter Fiat Lux, Eastern Cape
2 April 2022*

Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling



**MEC / SVM Mahmoud Patel
Grand Superintendent /
Groot Superintendent
Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling**

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER – SOUTHERN DIVISION



Annual report (26/2/2022 – 15/10/2022)

Dear Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA and ME First Grand Principal; Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions all. My sojourn as Grand Superintendent has been less than eight months since my Installation, on 26 February 2022.

It is needless I am sure for me to say that I am proud and happy to be the medium through which a cordial greeting and a warm fraternal welcome is extended to those distinguished Craftsmen and Companions who honour us by their presence this morning.

We meet in the beautiful city of Cape Town in the Premier Masonic Temple on the African continent, and within the very shadows of the House of Parliament.

With no desire to disturb the peace, happiness and companionship of this gathering this bright October morning, I am constrained to say that world conditions have shown little improvement from those which confronted us one year ago. Perhaps we hope there is less talk of a physical war, but the cold war of nerves, industrial and social unrest and fear of the future still face free people everywhere, while those unfortunates of war-stricken and enslaved countries continue to grope in the darkness for some relief from poverty, hunger, disease and oppression. I am of the opinion that the people of the democratic countries today face the greatest challenge and possibly the greatest opportunity in all history.

It would not be difficult to enlarge on this thought, but I must content myself by saying as we stand at the cross-roads, there are those who ponder the question shall we turn right or left, right toward democracy, peace and the "Great I Am", or left toward a drastic change in our way of life, continued strife and unrest and a Godless society. The challenge is clear, the opportunity stands forth to be seized or ignored.

But enough of these worrisome thoughts, let us rather seek the silver lining and take comfort in the sentiment of the old familiar ballad:

Oh! dry those tears and calm those fears,

Life is not made for sorrow,

T'will come alas, but soon will

pass,

Clouds will be sunshine tomorrow.

Masonry in its various branches has a common objective, the developing of human character and the rendering of service where most it is needed. There is work aplenty for all in the vineyards of humanity, and each branch of this ancient and honourable society is endeavouring to meet its obligations and prove to the outer world that Masonry in all its ramifications stands for all that is best, and in these days offers the type of leadership that is of paramount importance if we are to successfully cope with the problems of our social and economic life. Your welcome to this Annual Convocation is at once full and sincere.

While today as Royal Arch Masons, we labour in the quarries of the Capitular craft, we are not unmindful of the duty we owe to Symbolic Masonry, which provides the foundation of our whole structure. We agree that to merit respect as a Royal Arch Mason, we must first be true to the Craft Lodge and Craftsmen who fail in their duty to their

Mother Lodge are dare I say unworthy to be advanced in the realm of Masonry. We are Brothers and Companions who follow the Masonic principles, values, rules and regulations that bind us in a distinguished Fraternity. Persoonlike geskille behoort nie in ons Orde nie. Ek doen dus n beroep op almal hier teenwoordig om Metgeesele te stimuleer sodat hulle dit geniet om Konvokasies en vergaderings by te woon.

To the Distinguished Guests from Sister Grand, District and Provincial Chapters, and especially those who have come from outside of Cape Town is extended a most cordial welcome. In these days of International discord, we set an example to all humankind when Brethren and Companions from different nations, classes and backgrounds can assemble in a Annual Convocation which has only the love of God and the welfare of humankind as its object. Indeed, the Royal Arch Degree is the climax of Ancient Craft Masonry and Masonic Symbolism. It is described as "the root and marrow of Freemasonry." It is the complete story of Jewish History during some of its darkest hours. Jerusalem and the Holy Temple are destroyed. The people of Israel are being held captive as slaves in Babylon, and are eventually set free to return home and engage in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the city and the Temple of God. It is during this rebuilding that they make a discovery that brings to light the greatest treasure of a Mason – the long-lost Master's Word.

It was a most enjoyable experience to meet with so many of my Companions (Port Alfred, Worcester, and Gauteng) who are largely responsible for the success of Royal Arch Masonry. The cordial receptions, generous hospitality and delightful friendliness on all occasions has left me many pleasant memories. A safe journey to all of you that will be traveling back home.

My sincerest appreciation and thanks to our First Grand Principal, MEC John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA; the Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz MSA, MEC Dawie van Rooyen, MEC Leslie Alexander Martin, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA and MEC Louis van der Linde for all your support and advice.

ADMINISTRATION.

Our administration is in the very capable and excellent hands of Excellent Companion Cobis Wilson our Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra. EC Cobis Wilson, on behalf of myself and the members in this Division we are most appreciative of your work. I must also thank most sincerely our Grand Scribe Ezra Most Excellent Companion

Louis van der Linde who without hesitation is always available when assistance is required. This Division thanks you.

FINANCES.

My sincere thanks to MEC Dawie van Rooyen for his excellent management of our Finances. Ons finansies is op n gesonde basis en al ons finansiële verantwoordelikhede is nagekom. Ons het dan ook n donasie van R5000.00 aan die Lentebal Fonds van die Provinsiale Grootlosie gemaak in September 2022.

CHAPTERS OVERVIEW. As at October 2022.

RA 100 + RAM 18 + Cryptic 13= Total 131

Chapter Mutual No1

Full: 21, MSA: 1, Hon: 4

Chapter Johannes Truter No5

Full: 14, MSA: 1, Hon: 20

Chapter Fiat Lux No8

Full: 16

Chapter De Goede Kaap No16

Full: 25, MSA: 1

De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No16

Full: 10, Hon: 6, MSA: 2

Bellville Cryptic Council No2

Full: 10, Hon: 1, MSA: 2

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

The relationship with our Royal Arch Sister Constitutions (English, Irish and Scottish) and the District Mark Master Masons English Constitution is on a sound basis. We shall endeavour to continue our felicitous Fraternal bonds and visit our sister constitutions more in the ensuing future.

CONCLUSION.

To all the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers thank you. I know we will as a team labour together to make Royal Arch Free Masonry a continued success in this Division that we all can enjoy and be proud of by the grace of TTALGMH.

SMIB

MEC Mahmoud Patel

Grand Superintendent (SD)

Officers Southern Division 2022-2023 / Ampsdraers Suidelike Afdeling 2022-2023

Office Name	Officer	Amps Naam
Grand Superintendent	MEC Mahmoud Patel	Groot Superintendent
Deputy Grand Superintendent	Vacant	Adjunk Groot Superintendent
Assistant Grand Superintendent	MEC Keith Hutton	Assistent Groot Superintendent
PG Second Principal	*MEC Louis van der Linde	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Second Principal	EC Mark Hiles	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Third Principal	EC Marius J Terblanche	PG Derde Prinsipaal
PG Third Principal	EC Cobis Wilson	PG Derde Prinsipaal
PG Scribe Ezra	*EC Cobis Wilson	PG Skriba Ezra
PG Scribe Nehemiah	*EC Andre Germishuys	PG Skriba Nehemia
PG Scribe Nehemiah	EC Andri Binedell	PG Skriba Nehemia
PG Treasurer	*MEC Dawie van Rooyen	PG Tesourier
PG Master of Ceremony	EC Nowellyn van Vuuren	PG Seremoniemeester
PG Master of Ceremony	EC Hilton Oates	PG Seremoniemeester
Ass. PG Master of Ceremony	EC Frank Begot	Assistent PG Seremoniemeester
PG Principal Sojourner	EC Martin Slabbert	PG Hoofbesoeker
PG Second Sojourner	EC Malcolm Gessler	PG Tweedebesoeker
PG Third Sojourner	Vacant	PG Derdebesoeker
PG Almoner	*EC Cobis Wilson	PG Almoesnier
PG Sword Bearer	Vacant	PG Swaarddraer
PG Standard Bearer	Vacant	PG Vaandeldraer

***Acting**



Chapter Fiat Lux. October 2022



Chapter Mutual December 2022

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER – NORTHERN DIVISION

Annual report 2022

MW Grand Master and First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions all.

The Royal Arch is concerned with truth in the light of eternity and so leads to a higher understanding of the purpose of our moral existence.

With these words I can now submit my annual report. I took Office in June last year and it was the high light of my Masonic career. This was shattered due to the dreaded COVID PANDEMIC that was sweeping the World and then the untimely death of Most Excellent Companion Martin Kotze on the 20th of June (Immediate Past Grand Superintendent) with another big shock on the 21st of June with the passing of Excellent Companion Phillip Spitz who had just been installed as the PG 3rd



MEC / SVM Brian Masencamp

**Grand Superintendent /
Groot Superintendent
Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling**

Principal of the Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division.

So, my term of office did not start on a high note, combined with the fact that physical meetings were severely restricted, but with the help of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and especially the effort put in by Most Excellent Companion Avron Jacobson MSA a virtual ritual for installations was forthcoming. With this in hand we were able to conduct 5 Installations in the ND where I was assisted by the excellent workings of Excellent Companions Marius Mostert (Deputy Grand Superintendent) and Mervin Kruger (Assistant Grand Superintendent).

With the lowering of the lockdown and the curfew being relaxed physical labour was once again permitted but only under strict safety protocols. A Covid Compliance Officer Certificate was required for Covid Compliance Officers to be appointed in each Chapter and Council and was completed successfully.

Four Workings were immediately conducted: One Royal Arch Exaltation, One Excellent Master and two Mark Master Mason. I was able to attend three of these and was accompanied by Excellent Companion Marius Mostert on two of these Workings.

A double installation was conducted for Brixton and Acacia in the Royal Ark Mariners and Cryptic Council, and I was privileged to be the presiding Officer on that evening.

All the Chapters, Royal Ark Mariners Lodges and Cryptic Councils are doing well.

RECENT WORKINGS.

Chapter Orange has admitted two Brethren to Mark Master Mason.

Chapter Fidelity has exalted one member to

Royal Arch Mason and has admitted two Brethren to Mark Master Mason, one of which is Right Worshipful Brother Simon Nash the Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division.

Chapter Horeb has exalted two members to Royal Arch Mason and has admitted three new members to the Mark Master Masons.

Brixton and Acacia RAM and Cryptic Councils have at this stage had four new members joining the RAM and CRYPTIC Council.

Chapter Dromedaris in Durban is dormant at this moment, but I have received good news from Excellent Companion Frans Roodt that a meeting was held on the 28th of June with plans to revive the Chapter.

I have already had a meeting with prospective RA members and current RA members in Welkom on the 13th of May and will be reopening Chapter Unie in Welkom and Chapter Sam Greeman in Parys. Plans are already in place to open a Chapter in either Carltonville or Vereeniging. I must express my gratitude and thanks to Most Excellent Companion Johan Britz MSA for his help and guidance in this regard.

Most Excellent Companion Johan Britz MSA has also been instrumental in compiling a Ritual for Chapter of mourning as well as a Ritual for the reaffirmation of the Three Principals of a Chapter.

Most Excellent Companion Ray Franks has also been hard at work behind the scenes in compiling a Mark Master Mason Tracing board and the accompanying Lecture.

The Provincial Grand Chapter is also going to establish a Chapter of Past Principals who will then be able to assist any Chapter who require help with their Workings.

The Financial status of the Chapters are not up to scratch at this moment, but Most

Excellent Companion Brandon Topham is working hard in this regard, and we will soon be in the positive.

I was fortunate to attend the Installations of Most Excellent Companion John Smith OSM MSA as the First Grand Principal and Most Excellent Companion Mahmoud Patel as Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter Southern Division in Cape Town in Febuary. Congratulations to you both. Well Deserved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Companions for their diligence and hard work during the year.

1. Excellent Companion Emile van As as the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra
2. Excellent Companion Marius Mostert as the Deputy Grand Superintendent (congratulations on your wedding to your fantastic lady Angela).
3. Excellent Companion Mervyn Kruger as the Assistant Grand Superintendent.

4. Most Excellent Companions Ray Franks, Ollie Edwards and Alf Bronner, Excellent Companions Dino Kyriazis, Ian Huntley and Gerald Bosch

I also thank Most Excellent Companion John Smith OSM MSA for his guidance and advice.

To my mentor and friend, Most Excellent Companion Johan Britz MSA, Immediate Past First Grand Principal for what you have done for me. Your support and help know no boundaries. THANK YOU.

To my wife Lorinda, I thank you for your Love and support, you are my World.

Finally, the TTALGMH, without you we would not be able to do what we love the most.

**MEC Brian Masencamp.
Grand Superintendent – ND**

Officers Northern Division 2022-2023 / Ampsdraers Noordelike Afdeling 2022-2023

Office Name	Officer	Amps Naam
Grand Superintendent	Brian Masencamp	Groot Superintendent
Dep. Grand Superintendent	Marius Mostert	Adj. Groot Superintendent
Asst. Grand Superintendent	Dino Kyriazis	Asst. Groot Superintendent
PG Second Principal	Huntly Macpherson	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Third Principal	Marianus De Jager	PG Derde Prinsipaal
PG Scribe Ezra	Emile van As	PG Skriba Esra
PG Treasurer	*Brandon Topham	PG Tesourier
PG Scribe Nehemiah	Kevin Smith	PG Skriba Nehemia
PG Master of Ceremony	Gerald Bosch	PG Seremoniemeester
PG Master of Ceremony	Wayne Hunt	PG Seremoniemeester
PG Principal Sojourner	Reyaan Uys	PG Hoof Besoeker
PG Third Sojourner	Louwtjie Lourens	PG Derde Besoeker
	*Acting	



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, assisted by acting Second Grand Principal, MEC Dave Duncan OSM and Third Grand Principal, MEC Alf Bronner attend to the 50year Rededication Ceremony of Chapters Horeb and Orange. 4 June 2022



*The Installation of Chapters Horeb and Orange, Gauteng
4 June 2022*



*Reopening of Chapter Unie no.3 in Parys, Free State
26 August 2022*



*Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division Annual Convocation
04 June 2022*

**Minutes of the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter held on
Saturday 26 February 2022 in the de Goede Hoop Temple Cape Town at 13h00.**

Present.	Chapter	Cryptic Council	Ram Lodge
MEC John Smith OSM MSA	De Goede Kaap	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Geoff Edwards OSM	De Goede Kaap		
MEC Leslie Martin	Johannes Truter	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Louis van der Linde	Mutual	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
EC Peter Duckworth	Sister Constitution		
MEC Dan Buckle	Sister Constitution		
MEC Craig Dobson	Sister Constitution		
EC Peter de Kock	Sister Constitution		
MEC Frank D Winter	Sister Constitution		
MEC Johan Britz	Horeb	Eendracht Maakt Mag	Acacia
EC Frans Roodt	Dromedaris		
MEC Vernon van Wyk	St Andrew 647		
EC Cobis Wilson	De Goede Kaap	Bellville	De Goede Kaap

EC Ernest Malherbe	Sister Constitution		
MEC Dawie van Rooyen	Johannes Truter	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Brian Masencamp	Horeb	Eendracht Maakt Mag	
EC Walter Marcus	Sister Constitution		
MEC Mahmoud Patel	Mutual	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
EC Eugene Steenkamp	Orange		
EC David van Vuuren	SGRAC UGLE		
MEC Alf Rhodie	De Goede Kaap		
EC Malcolm Gessler	De Goede Kaap		
MEC Brian Carstens	Johannes Truter		
MEC Bernard Neuhaus OSM	SGRAC Mauritius		
MEC Graham Sumner	Mutual		
MEC Alf Bronner	Horeb		
RW Bro Pieter van den Berg	Sister Constitution		
EC Andre Germishuys	Fiat Lux		
MEC Mathieu A Lawson	SGRAC Benin		
EC Jean-Yves Faboumy	SGRAC Benin		
MEC John Harmse	De Broederband		
Comp Bradley Bordiss	De Goede Kaap		
EC Chris van Galen	Sister Constitution		
EC Hilton Oates	Johannes Truter		
EC Jim Duggan	Sister Constitution		
EC Cedric Moroukian	De Goede Kaap		

Apologies:

ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC UGLE MEC, HRH, The Duke of Kent
 MW Grand Master of GL MMM of England & Wales MW Bro, HRH, Prince Michael of Kent
 ME Grand King of SGRAC of Ireland MEC Gordon Leathem
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC of Scotland MEC Joseph Morrow
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC Netherlands MEC Ad van Doorn
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC Greece MEC George Deligiorgis
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC Queensland MEC Col Mander
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC Western Australia MEC Robert M Drake
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC New Zealand MEC Ron Lane
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC Mauritius MEC Maurice Lionnet
 ME First Grand Principal of SGRAC New Brunswick MEC Chris Kitson
 ME Grand High Priest of GRAC Rhode Island MEC John A Lawson
 ME Grand High Priest of GRAC Newfoundland and Labrador MEC Robert M Mercer
 ME First Grand Principal of GCRAM of Saskatchewan MEC Joe Bertram
 MEC Neville Klein OSM – Past FGP
 MEC Dave Duncan OSM – Past FGP
 MEC Avron Jacobson MSA - DFGP& TIM Bellville Cryptic Council – Proxy(x2)
 MEC Jacque Markantonis – GSN
 MEC Paul Smit – GSN & MEZ Chapter Amajuba 316 no27 – Proxy(x2)
 MEC Evangelos Doucas – Past GMC
 MEC Orlando Edwards - Past 3rd Grand Sojourner
 MEC David Hudson-Lamb - Grand Principal Sojourner
 EC Demos Markantonis - Grand Principal Sojourner
 EC Roelf Bothma –3rd Grand Sojourner & MEZ Chapter Acacia 231 no24-Proxy
 EC Ignatius Mutien - 3rd Grand Sojourner

EC Steynberg de Kock – Grand Regalia Custodian
 EC Dino Kyriazis – TIM Cryptic Council Acacia 231 No24/ Acacia 231 RAM – Proxy(x2)
 EC Leon Gerber – 2nd Principal Chapter Acacia 231 no24
 EC Stephen Labuschagne – MEZ Chapter St Andrew 647 No26 - Proxy
 EC Panagiotis Rigopoulos – MEZ Chapter Golden Thistle- Proxy
 EC Mark Hiles – Chapter Fiat Lux
 EC Marius Terblanche – Chapter Fiat Lux
 EC Keith Hutton - Fiat Lux
 EC Dave Gallacher -Sister Constitution
 EC Frank Begot - MEZ Mutual

1. All Companions below the Rank of Provincial Grand Chapter entered the Temple at 13H00.
2. All Provincial Grand Chapter Officers and the Representatives of the Sister Constitutions entered the Temple at 13h10.
3. All Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, except the three Principals, entered the Temple at 13h20.
4. The First Grand Principal, Second and Third Grand Principals entered the Temple and opened the Supreme Grand Chapter Convocation in due form at 13h30.
5. The First Grand Principal, MEC J. Britz, received and welcomed the Grand Master, MW Bro. J. Smith OSM MSA, into the temple at 13h40.
6. The First Grand Principal received the Foreign Delegations at 13h50.
7. Notice of Meeting - The Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC L.B. van der Linde, read the Notice Convening the Convocation.
8. Apologies - Apologies were received and recorded as above.
9. Obituaries - The First Grand Principal requested that all Companions to turn to the East and adopt the Sign of Reverence. Obituaries were called for the following Companions who had passed to higher service, namely:
 MEC Koos Snyman - Grand Master of Ceremonies - 07 Nov 2020 - Chapter Johannes Truter
 MEC Braam van Zyl - Past Grand Superintendent SD -08 Dec 2020 -Chapter Johannes Truter
 MEC Piet Jansen van Rensburg - Past Grand Superintendent Cent Div - 16 May 2021
 MEC Martin Kotze - Past Grand Superintendent ND - 20 Jun 2021 - Chapter Horeb

 Hereafter the Last Post and Reveille were played.
10. Roll Call SGC Officers - The First Grand Principal called for the Roll Call of all Supreme Grand Chapter Officers. The Grand Scribe E reported that all Supreme Grand Chapter Officers were either present or had tendered an Apology.
11. Roll Call of Chapters - The First Grand Principal called for the Roll Call of all Chapters. The Grand Scribe E reported that all Chapters were present either in person or by proxy.

12. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The Grand Scribe Ezra proposed that, as the Minutes of the previous Convocation held via ZOOM meetings on Saturday, 07 November 2020 having been circulated, that they be taken as read. This was seconded by MEC L. Martin.
13. The First Grand Principal then called for the Minutes to be signed and placed on record.
14. Matters arising - There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 07 November 2020.
15. Financial Report - The Chairman of the Finance Committee, MEC D. Van Rooyen, presented the treasurers report and called for its adoption. This proposal was seconded by MEC L Martin, and the proposal was adopted.
16. MEC D. Van Rooyen proposed that the Annual Fees and Levies remain the same for the following year. This proposal was seconded by MEC B Masencamp, and the proposal was adopted.
17. FGP Annual Report - The First Grand Principal read his comprehensive Annual Report. MEC B. Carstens thanked the First Grand Principal for his report and proposed that it form part of the minutes of the meeting. This proposal was seconded by MEC L. Martin. The First Grand Principal's Annual Report is attached hereto.
18. The Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC L. van der Linde, proposed the amendments to the SGRAC Regulations. These were duly circulated to the Chapters to circulate to their members. This proposal was seconded by MEC L. Martin, and the proposal was adopted.
19. The First Grand Principal announced that he had conferred past rank on:
 - MEC Brandon Topham – Past Grand MC
 - MEC Keith Hutton – Past Grand MC
 - EC Nowellyn van Vuuren – Past Grand 2nd Sojourner
 - EC Marius Terblanche – Past Grand 2nd Sojourner
 - EC Mark Hiles – Past Grand 2nd Sojourner

As none of the recipients were present, the Certificates and Collarets would be presented to these members at subsequent meetings.
20. The First Grand Principal now disinvested his Assistant First Grand Principal, the Second Grand Principal, the Third Grand Principal, and the Grand Superintendents and then attended to the Installation Ceremony of the First Grand Principal Elect, MEC John Smith OSM MSA and handed him his Letters Patent. He then presented the new First Grand Principal with his Ceremonial Sword and the Banner of the Supreme Grand Chapter.
21. The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA read his Inaugural address, which is attached hereto.
22. The First Grand Principal obligated and invested the Assistant First Grand Principal MEC L. Martin; the Second Grand Principal, MEC D. van Rooyen; the Third Grand Principal, MEC Alf Bronner; the Grand Superintendent ND, MEC B. Masencamp and the Grand Superintendent SD, MEC Mahmoud Patel and presented their Letters Patent to them.

23. The First Grand Principal announced the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for 2021/2022 and instructed the Supreme Grand Master of Ceremony to assemble the appointed Supreme Grand Chapter Officers in the West.

The Supreme Grand Chapter Principals, Superintendents and Officers for the Year 2021-2022

First Grand Principal	MEC John Smith OSM MSA
Deputy First Grand Principal	MEC Avron Jacobson MSA
Assistant First Grand Principal	MEC Leslie Martin
Second Grand Principal	MEC Dawie van Rooyen
Third Grand Principal	MEC Alf Bronner
Grand Superintendent SD	MEC Mahmoud Patel
Grand Superintendent ND	MEC Brian Masencamp
Grand Scribe Ezra	MEC Louis van der Linde
Grand Treasurer	Vacant
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Jacques Markantonis
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Paul Smit
Grand Master of Ceremony	MEC John Harmse
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	MEC Vernon van Wyk
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	EC Eugene Steenkamp
Grand Regalia Custodian	EC Steynberg de Kock
Grand Principal Sojourner	EC David Hudson-Lamb
Grand Principal Sojourner	EC Demos Markantonis
Grand Second Sojourner	EC Frans Roodt
Grand Third Sojourner	EC Ignatius Mutien
Grand Third Sojourner	EC Roelf Bothma
Grand Banner Bearer	Vacant
Grand Sword Bearer	Vacant

24. The Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Les Martin, obligated the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2021/2022.
25. The Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Les Martin assisted by MEC Brian Carstens invested the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2021/2022 and presented them with their certificates.
26. The First Grand Principal called for nominations of the members to be elected to the Management Committee for 2021/2022 in terms of the Supreme Grand Chapter Regulation 27.2. MEC Dawie van Rooyen proposed MEC Dave Duncan OSM and MEC Brian Carstens. This proposal was seconded by MEC Mahmoud Patel, and the proposal was adopted.
27. The First Grand Principal bestowed an honour on The Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz, by awarding him the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) in recognition of his exceptional service to the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Africa. MEC Johan Britz MSA was presented with the MSA Jewel and Certificate by the First Grand Principal.

The First Grand Principal presented Awards of Excellence to MEC L. van der Linde and EC C. Wilson.

The First Grand Principal presented the 25year Royal Arch Pin to the following members:

MEC Geoff Edwards OSM who was admitted as a MMM on 1992/03/18 in Chapter De Goede Kaap

MEC Alf Rhodie who was admitted as a MMM on 1989/07/19 in Chapter De Goede Kaap

MEC Les Martin who was admitted as a MMM on 1975/01/01 in Chapter Johannes Truter

MEC Johan Britz who was admitted as a MMM on 1994/02/08 in Chapter Horeb

MEC John Harmse who was admitted as a MMM on 1987/06/10 in Chapter Fidelity

EC Cedric Moroukian who was exalted as a RA Mason on 1975/04/08 in Chapter De Goede Kaap

28. The First Grand Principal attended to the First Rising and thanked the Representatives of the Foreign Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters for their attendance, and each were afforded the opportunity to respond in order of seniority of their Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters. Gifts were now exchanged. The First Grand Principal then thanked the Past Principals and Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter for attending. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Scribe Ezra to read the letters received from Foreign Supreme Grand Chapters who were unable to attend. The Grand Scribe Ezra read the letters from the following Foreign Supreme Grand Chapters:

SGRAC of England

GL MMM of England & Wales etc

SGRAC of Ireland

SGRAC of Scotland

SGRAC of the Netherlands

SGRAC of Greece

SGRAC of Queensland, Australia

SGRAC of Western Australia

SGRAC of New Zealand

SGRAC of Mauritius

SGRAC of New Brunswick

GRAC of Rhode Island

GRAC of Newfoundland and Labrador

GGRAM of Saskatchewan

The Grand Scribe Ezra also read a letter received from MEC Piet Naude MSA

29. The First Grand Principal attended to the Second Rising and thanked the Grand Superintendents of the Northern and Southern Division for attending and all Provincial Officers. Both Grand Superintendents responded. Thereafter the First Grand Principal thanked all Senior Representatives of the Sister Constitutions.
30. The First Grand Principal attended to the Third and Fourth Risings and thanked all Chapter MEZ's, Commander Noah's, TIM's and all Companions for their attendance.
31. A Charity Collection was taken while the Companions listened to the Offertory hymn.
32. The First Grand Principal together with his co-Principals closed the Annual Convocation and all retired under the direction of the Grand Master of Ceremony. Photographs were then taken followed by a formal mixed banquet.

Approved and signed at Cape Town on the 15 day of October 2022

MEC John Smith OSM MSA

First Grand Principal

MEC Louis van der Linde

Grand Scribe Ezra

**The inaugural address of the First Grand Principal.
MEC JOHN EWALD HENRY SMITH OSM MSA**

Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions, thank you all most sincerely for your attendance at my installation today. Many of you have travelled great distances to be present today and I am truly touched by and very grateful for your Brotherly Love and continued commitment to our Order.

I thank the Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz, for your flawless execution of the installation ceremony and for your leadership of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter during the past 6 years. Although you have now retired from this position, I know that you are willing and able to work as hard as you have in the past to ensure the progress and success of this Supreme Grand Chapter. I have had the pleasure of working closely with you and with many of the other Supreme Grand Chapter Officers and I thank you all for your continued dedication, commitment and assistance.

I thank the Past First Grand Principals, some of whom unfortunately could not be present today, for your support, encouragement and guidance. I thank the visiting Companions from the Foreign Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters for your attendance here today. Late last year I attended the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges in Germany where more than 80 Grand Lodges from North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa were represented. I was able to meet and interact with a large number of Grand Masters, many of whom are also the First Grand Principals of their Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters and I am happy to report to you that Freemasonry in their parts of the World is alive and well.

I thank the Deputy First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, for all your hard work behind the scenes to ensure that the arrangements for today are in order. I thank the Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Leslie Martin, for presenting me today and for your continued commitment, encouragement and support. I thank all the other Senior Companions who so willingly agreed to form

part of my Escort of Honour, especially our two Grand Superintendents and the Grand Superintendents of the local Sister Constitutions, who I know well and with whom I have shared a large part of my Masonic journey. I am indeed proud to be your Craft Brother and your Royal Arch Companion.

I particularly thank the Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC Louis van der Linde, and all the other Companions who you have co-opted to ensure that all the preparations for today are in order and that the ceremonies have been performed correctly and with the required decorum and dignity. I thank EC Cobis Wilson for enhancing this ceremony with your singing. It is very much appreciated. I also thank all the Royal Arch Companions who are in attendance here today as well as those who contacted me personally to tender their apologies. To those Companions who also attended this morning's session, I trust that you enjoyed the ceremonies performed today and that the newer Companions have found them both interesting and enlightening. We need you all to start assuming leadership roles in your respective Chapters so that you will soon become eligible for offices in the Provincial Grand Chapters.

In the Craft degrees a Candidate is presented with a series of lessons relevant to the practical principles of service to his fellow man. Man is however not simply a practical being, he also has an essential spiritual aspect to his nature and the Royal Arch Order develops this latter aspect by a contemplation of that spiritual nature. It also conveys certain moral and ethical lessons and it has often been described as the very root and marrow of Freemasonry.

Let me remind you of the Latin inscription on the Royal Arch Companion jewel, which we all wear as part of our Royal Arch regalia. It is: CULTOR DEI CIVIS MUNDI – this is probably the clearest and most profound statement of what it is to be a Freemason. Liberally translated, it means: “A worshipper of God and a citizen of the World”. When all things which can divide us, when all things that

can separate us and when all things which can set us against each other are removed, is this not exactly who and what we are?

I was recently reminded of the inscription on the Temple door of the Freemason's hall in Nairobi in Kenya, which reads: Enter in God's Name, fearing no evil. What a profound statement for an organisation which does not practice or even promote any religion. As Freemasons, I believe that we must stand up for our beliefs. As a Christian, I love my God. As a Freemason, I love the great Masonic Fraternity; and as a South African, I love my country. These are my beliefs and I make no apology for them.

The Royal Arch Order has long been considered a necessary part of Freemasonry. In our degrees in Craft Freemasonry the symbolism of journeys and ascent is very prevalent. In the Mark Master and the Excellent Master degrees we also experience certain journeys and in the Royal Arch degree our ascent is preceded by a descent into darkness, where we then find the knowledge that will allow us to be lifted up and with which we can prove ourselves worthy of exaltation. This journey from darkness to light is a difficult one and the enactment by the Sojourners in finding the Lost Word during the exaltation ceremony of the Royal Arch degree, is symbolical of us reaching down into the darkest places of our own lives and finding the light, which our Creator instilled in us at our conception.

Johan von Goethe, the renowned poet, playwright, statesman and a Freemason said: May God grant us aid and the light to keep us from standing in our own way. As we then continue to strive to find the light within us, we realise that we can only do so with the help and guidance of the True and Living God and so it is appropriate that the motto of the Royal Arch Order, which is expressed in the charge to the Third Principal when he is presented with his sceptre is: "Holiness to the Lord". No creed or colour, no religion or race, no sexuality or nationality, no tribe or clan and no political persuasion can or, indeed must, ever affect us in our quest to become better men. Let us then never lose sight of life's struggles, let us

continue on the path of righteousness and let us never be swayed from our duty and obligations as Freemasons.

I believe that the membership of the Royal Arch Order can and does enhance our Masonic journey and I will rely on your assistance to help me focus more attention on the areas in our country where Royal Arch Freemasonry is not as prevalent. The members of our Craft Lodges in these areas are being disadvantaged by the lack of Royal Arch Chapters under this Supreme Grand Chapter and I seek your assistance to encourage the Senior Brethren in the Craft to become more involved in the Royal Arch Order so that all the members of the Grand Lodge of South Africa will have an equal opportunity to enjoy the added benefits of being members of the Royal Arch Order.

Companions, our future is in our hands. Let us seize this opportunity and dictate what happens tomorrow by the decisions which we make today. Let us then always remember that honesty in business, harmony in the home, active support of our Faiths, loyal and patriotic citizenship of our Country and proud and active membership of Freemasonry are all hallmarks of a good and productive Freemason. As Freemasons we are all Brothers. For the concept of Brotherhood however to mean anything, we must strive to serve all people without distinction; without fear of reprisal or hope of reward; other than that which comes from knowing that we are doing the work of the Lord and that we must do all we can to make the World a better place for all persons.

In conclusion, I thank all the Officers who accepted a Supreme Grand Chapter rank. As a result of the Covid restrictions, certain of these Officers could not be present today and they will be obligated and invested at the first opportunity during this year.

I thank my wife, Edelweiss and my daughter, Andrae, albeit in their absence, for their unconditional love and support. Companions, it has been well said that determined people working together can do anything, so help me make the World a better place for us all! SMIB
MEC John Smith OSM MSA.



*The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA presented the newly obligated and installed Second Grand Principal, MEC Brandon Topham, with his Letters Patent.
15 October 2022*

Minutes of the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter held on Saturday 15 October in the Goede Hoop Temple, Cape Town at 14h00.

Present:	SGC	Chapter	Cryptic Council	RAM Lodge
MEC John Smith OSM MSA	FGP	De Goede Kaap	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Geoff Edwards OSM	PFGP	De Goede Kaap		
MEC Johan Britz MSA	PFGP	Horeb	Eendracht Maakt Mag	Acacia
MEC Leslie Martin	AFGP	Johannes Truter	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Dawie van Rooyen	2ndGP	Johannes Truter	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Alf Bronner	3rdGP	Horeb		
MEC Mahmoud Patel	GS SD	Mutual	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Brian Masencamp	GS ND	Horeb	Eendracht Maakt Mag	
MEC Louis van der Linde	GSE	Mutual	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Brandon Topham	2ndGP Designate	Acacia		
MEC John Harmse	GMC	De Broederband		
EC Cobis Wilson		De Goede Kaap	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
EC Frank Begot	MEZ	Mutual		

EC Winston Shultz		Johannes Truter	
EC James Lidderd SNR		Fiat Lux	
EC Hendrik Rademeyer		Fiat Lux	
Comp Michael van der Linde		Mutual	
Comp Cyril Engelke		Mutual	
Comp Alex Costopoulos		De Goede Kaap	
Comp Jonathan Curtis		De Goede Kaap	
Comp Corne Burger		De Goede Kaap	
Comp Leon Brown		De Goede Kaap	
Comp Hein Mulder		De Goede Kaap	
Comp Jesse Bossenge-Nkoy		De Goede Kaap	
Comp Hardus Snyman		Fiat Lux	
Comp James Lidderd JNR		Fiat Lux	
Comp Chris de Vos		Fiat Lux	
MEC Mathieu A Lawson	DFGP	SGRAC Benin	
EC Jean-Yves Faboumy	AGMC	SGRAC Benin	
MEC Bernard Mbangangoye	DFGP	SGRAC Gabon	
EC Gilles Ngowet	AGSE	SGRAC Gabon	
EC Peter de Kock		Sister Constitution	
RW Bro Pieter van den Berg		Sister Constitution	
MEC Craig Dobson		Sister Constitution	

Apologies:

First Grand Principal of SGRAC Greece,
 First Grand Principal of SGRAC Queensland,
 First Grand Principal of SGRAC Mauritius,
 First Grand Principal of SGRAC New Brunswick,
 Grand High Priest of GRAC Rhode Island,
 Grand High Priest of GRAC Newfoundland
 and Labrador,
 First Grand Principal of GCRAM of
 Saskatchewan,
 MEC Nevile Klein OSM
 MEC Piet Naude MSA
 MEC Dave Duncan OSM
 MEC Bernard Neuhaus OSM
 EC Dave Gallacher
 MEC Avron Jacobson MSA

MEC Paul Smit.
 MEC Jacque Markantonis
 MEC David Hudson-Lamb
 MEC Vernon van Wyk
 MEC Brian Carstens
 EC Frans Roodt
 EC Eugene Steenkamp
 EC Demos Markantonis
 EC Roelf Bothma
 EC Steynberg de Kock
 EC Leon Gerber

MEC George Deligiorgis
 MEC Col Mander
 MEC Maurice Lionnet
 MEC Chris Kitson
 MEC John A Lawson

 MEC Robert M Mercer

 MEC Joe Bertram
 Past FGP
 Past FGP
 Past FGP (Conferred)
 SGRAC Mauritius
 Sister Constitution
 SGRAC, Mutual, IM Bellville Cryptic
 De Goede Kaap RAM
 SGRAC, MEZ Amajuba 316
 SGRAC
 SGRAC
 SGRAC and St Andrew 647
 SGRAC and Johannes Truter
 SGRAC and Dromedaris
 SGRAC and Orange
 SGRAC
 SGRAC
 SGRAC and MEZ Horeb
 MEZ Acacia 231

EC Mark Hiles
EC Dino Kyriazis

EC Marius Mostert
MEC Keith Hutton

MEZ Fiat Lux
TIM Acacia 231 Cryptic. CN Acacia 231
RAM
Horeb and Eendracht Maakt Mag
Fiat Lux

- 1 All Companions below the Rank of Provincial Grand Chapter entered the Temple at 13H45.
2. All Provincial Grand Chapter Officers and the Representatives of the Sister Constitutions entered the Temple at 13h50.
3. All Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, except the three Principals, entered the Temple at 13h55.
4. The First Grand Principal, Second and Third Grand Principals entered the Temple and opened the Supreme Grand Chapter Annual Convocation in due form at 14h00.
5. The First Grand Principal, MEC J. Smith OSM MSA, received the Representatives of the Foreign Delegations at 14h10 being:
 - a. SGC of Gabon - MEC Mbangangoye (Deputy First Grand Principal)
 - b. SGC of Benin - MEC Lawson (Deputy First Grand Principal)
6. Notice of Meeting - The Grand Scribe E, MEC L.B. van der Linde, read the Notice Convening the Convocation.
7. The First Grand Principal requested the Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz MSA, to read the Ancient Charges from the point of address.
8. The First Grand Principal requested all Companions to stand and sing the opening hymn: *All people that on Earth do dwell*
9. Apologies - Apologies were received and recorded as above.
10. Obituaries - The First Grand Principal requested that all Companions to turn to the East and adopt the Sign of Reverence. Obituaries were called for the following Companions who had passed to higher service, namely:

MEC Graham Howard Sumner – Past Second Grand Principal & Past Grand Superintendent SD
MEC Antony Low – Past Third Grand Principal & Past Grand Superintendent SD

Hereafter the Last Post and Reveille were played by a Bugler from the SA Police Band. The First Grand Principal thanked him for his time and assistance.
11. Roll Call SGC Officers - The First Grand Principal called for the Roll Call of all Supreme Grand Chapter Officers. The Grand Scribe E reported that all Supreme Grand Chapter Officers were either present or had tendered an Apology.
12. Roll Call of Chapters - The First Grand Principal called for the Roll Call of all Chapters. The Grand Scribe E reported that all Chapters were present either in person or by proxy.

13. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The Grand Scribe E proposed that, as the Minutes of the previous Convocation held on Saturday, 26 February 2022 had been circulated on 27 June 2022, that they be taken as read. This was seconded by MEC D van Rooyen.
14. The First Grand Principal called for the Minutes to be signed and placed on record, which was done.
15. Matters arising - There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2022.
16. Financial Report - The Chairman of the Finance Committee, MEC D. Van Rooyen, presented the annual financial report and proposed its adoption. This proposal was seconded by MEC A. Bronner, and the financial report was adopted.
17. MEC D. Van Rooyen proposed that the Annual Fees and Levies be increased as follows:
 - a. The Capitation fee for the Royal Arch Order has been R200,00 per member since 2019 and will be increased to R250,00 per member.
 - b. The Capitation Fees for the Royal Ark Mariners Order has been R75,00 per member since 2019 and will be increased to R120,00 per person.
 - c. The Capitation Fees for the Cryptic Council Order has been R75,00 per member since 2019 and will be increased to R120,00 per person.
 - d. The SGRAC Fee of Honour will remain at R100,00 for Supreme Grand Officers appointed.

This proposal was seconded by MEC L. Martin, and the fees and levies were adopted.

18. FGP Annual Report - The First Grand Principal highlighted certain items of his comprehensive Annual Report which had been circulated to all members on 06 October 2022 and was also published in the Annual Convocation Booklet. MEC L. Martin thanked the First Grand Principal for his report and proposed that it form part of the minutes of the meeting. This proposal was seconded by MEC D. van Rooyen. The First Grand Principal's Annual Report is attached hereto as Annexure A.
19. The Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC L. Martin, proposed the amendments to the SGRAC Regulations. These had been sent to the Chapters for circulation to their members. This proposal was seconded by MEC A. Bronner, and the amendments were adopted.
20. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Scribe E to announce the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for 2022/2023.

The Supreme Grand Chapter Principals, Superintendents and Officers for the Year 2022-2023

First Grand Principal	MEC John Smith OSM MSA
Deputy First Grand Principal	MEC Avron Jacobson MSA
Assistant First Grand Principal	MEC Leslie Martin
Second Grand Principal	MEC Brandon Topham
Third Grand Principal	MEC Alf Bronner
Grand Superintendent SD	MEC Mahmoud Patel

Grand Superintendent ND	MEC Brian Masencamp
Grand Scribe Ezra	MEC Louis van der Linde
Grand Treasurer	MEC Dawie van Rooyen
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Jacques Markantonis
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Paul Smit
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Rex Ingle
Grand Master of Ceremony	MEC John Harmse
Grand Master of Ceremony	MEC Evangelos Doucas
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	EC Eugene Steenkamp
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	EC Steynberg de Kock
Grand Principal Sojourner	EC Demos Markantonis
Grand Second Sojourner	EC Ignatius Mutien
Grand Almoner	EC Andre Germishuys

21. The First Grand Principal disinvested the Second Grand Principal, MEC Dawie van Rooyen and thanked him for his dedication to the Supreme Grand Chapter.
22. The First Grand Principal attended to the obligation, investiture and installation of the Second Grand Principal designate, MEC Brandon Topham and presented his Letters Patent to him.
23. The First Grand Principal instructed the Supreme Grand Master of Ceremony to assemble the appointed Supreme Grand Chapter Officers in the West.
24. The Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Les Martin obligated the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2022/2023.
25. The Second Grand Principal, MEC Brandon Topham assisted by the Third Grand Principal, MEC Alf Bronner invested the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2022/2023 and presented their certificates to them.
26. The First Grand Principal called for nominations of members to be elected to the Management Committee for 2022/2023 in terms of the Supreme Grand Chapter Regulation 27.2. MEC Dawie van Rooyen proposed MEC Bernard Neuhaus and MEC Brian Carstens. This proposal was seconded by MEC Leslie Martin. As there were no further proposals, these members were duly elected.
27. The FGP awarded an Award of Excellence to the following deserving Companions:
 - a. MEC Dawie van Rooyen
 - b. MEC John Harmse
 - c. EC Dino Kyriazis (MEC Brian Masencamp will present the Certificate to him at an appropriate opportunity)
 - d. EC Marius Terblanche (MEC Mahmoud Patel will present the Certificate to him at an appropriate opportunity)
28. The FGP awarded the following Supreme Past Ranks to the following deserving Companions:
 - a. MEC Rex Ingle - Past Grand Scribe Ezra

- b. MEC Jacque Markantonis - Past Grand Scribe Ezra
- c. MEC Marius Mostert – Past Grand Master of Ceremony
- d. EC Cobis Wilson - Past Grand Third Sojourner

29. The FGP awarded the SGRAC of SA Scribe E of the Year certificate and floating trophy to Comp. Michael Shackleton. (MEC Brian Masencamp will present the award to him at an appropriate opportunity).
30. The First Grand Principal attended to the First Rising and thanked the Past First Grand Principals and the Representatives of the Foreign Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters for their attendance, and each were afforded the opportunity to respond in order of seniority of their Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters. Gifts were exchanged. The First Grand Principal then thanked the Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter for attending. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Scribe E to report on any correspondence which he had received from foreign Supreme Grand Chapters who were unable to attend. The Grand Scribe E reported on the following:

SGRAC of Greece
 SGRAC of Alberta
 SGRAC of Paraguay
 SGRAC of Saskatchewan
 SGRAC of New Brunswick
 SGRAC of Rhode Island
 SGRAC of Queensland
 SGRAC of Mauritius
 SGRAC of Louisiana
 SGRAC of South Dakota

31. The First Grand Principal attended to the Second Rising and thanked the Grand Superintendents of the Northern and Southern Division for attending and all Provincial Officers. He thereafter thanked the Senior Representatives of the Sister Constitutions for attending and their continued support of the SGRAC of SA.
32. The First Grand Principal attended to the Third and Fourth Risings and thanked all Chapter MEZ's, Commander Noah's, TIM's and all Companions for their attendance.
33. A Charity Collection was taken while the Companions sang the Offertory hymn.
34. The First Grand Principal, together with his co-Principals, closed the Annual Convocation and all retired under the direction of the Grand Master of Ceremony.

A formal mixed banquet was held in the De Goede Hoop Refectory.

Approved and signed at _____ on this ___ day of _____ 2023

 MEC John Smith OSM MSA
 First Grand Principal

 MEC Louis van der Linde
 Grand Scribe Ezra



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, thanked the Assistant First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Mauritius, MEC Bernard Neuhaus OSM, for the beautiful new Robes presented to the Grand Principals.



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, with the Pro First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England and the newly installed Grand Superintendent of the Free State.

14 May 2022



*Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division Annual Convocations.
The Deputy First Grand Principals of Benin and Gabon are seated next to the First Grand Principal
The District / Provincial Representatives of the Sister Constitutions are in the second row.
15 October 2022*



*The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, with the Deputy First Grand Principal of the
Supreme Grand Chapter of Gabon, MEC Bernard Mbangoye (Left) and the Deputy First Grand
Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin, MEC Mathieu Lawson (Right)*

15 October 2022



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, conferred the Supreme Grand Chapter Rank of Past Grand Third Sojourner on EC Cobis Wilson.

15 October 2022



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, awarded the Best Scribe Ezra of the Year Award to Companion Michael Shackleton. The Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Northern Division took possession of the Floating Trophy and the Certificate to present to Companion Michael Shackleton at an appropriate occasion.

15 October 2022



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, presented an Award of Excellence to MEC Dawie van Rooyen at the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter

15 October 2022



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA presented an Award of Excellence to MEC John Harmse at the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter

15 October 2022



*Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division Annual Convocation
04 June 2022*



*We aren't always formal. Spending some companionship during the weekend in Parys,
Free State for the Reopening of Chapter Unie No 3.*

26 August 2022



“Lest we forget”

Sadly, we lost MEC Graham Sumner to the Grand Chapter above during the year. Graham served the Supreme Grand Chapter with distinction as the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division and as the Second Grand Principal.



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of South Africa



**MP Bro Victor Mühlenbeck 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander.**

Annual report of the Sovereign Grand Commander for the year 2022.

Very Puissant, M.: III.:, Illustrious and Venerable Brethren all, I have the pleasure in presenting the second annual report for the year 2022 of the Supreme Council for South Africa and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of South Africa.

Since the previous report of 2021, in a post-pandemic world as our hopes were lifted by July 2022, the reality that the words “COVID” and “pandemic” are now used far less frequently with an expectation that our lives would regain a new normal, and our anticipation was to renew our commitment in each and every Chapter and Consistory in the country, to return to a normalised world where we could uninhibitedly restore from the proverbial chaos to order.

In *The Pandemic Is a Portal*, Indian author Arundhati Roy writes, “Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew.

Our return to normality has taught us that the ability to participate in regular contact and improvised ceremonies, was possible, albeit electronically, all in the interest of our adherence to and belief in the purpose of our ritual teachings as an aid in mankind's search in God's universe for identity, for development and for destiny, and thereby achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world

To quote Tom Northup, “All organizations are perfectly designed to get the results they are now getting. If we want different results, we must change the way we do things.”

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 2022

As the Sovereign Grand Commander could not attend due to ill health at the time, Puissant Bro Victor Muhlenbeck 33° (as he then was) read out the Opening address prepared by Most Puissant Bro Boet du Plessis 33° MA. Puissant Bro Muhlenbeck 33° (as he then was) announced a special welcome to Very Illustrious Bro Ernest Malherbe 33° who represented the Supreme Council for England &

Wales. On reflection, his gracious applause of our education and approach to our craft was as comforting as it was, appreciated.

The acting SGC officially handed over the Charter for the De Molay Chapter in South Africa to M.: III.: Bro Brandon Topham 33° at the beginning of 2021. Official recognition was also obtained to commence Shriners in South Africa which will be spearheaded by M.: III.: Bro Frans Roodt 33°. The conference was addressed by a special guest speaker: Fazela Mahomed on the subject of “Ethics and Professionalism”.

At a ceremony held over the AGM weekend various senior Brethren were exalted to Sovereign Grand Inspector General's being :

Very III.: Bro John Smith 33°

Very III.: Bro Ronald Smith 33°

Very III.: Bro Reuven Coenen 33°

AWARDS

The following awards and trophies were announced at the 2022 Annual General Meeting held in Cape Town on 22nd August 2022.



M.: III.: Bro Geoff Edwards 33° MA was awarded the Meritorious Award for his outstanding service to the Order over the years.

M.: III.: Bro Cor Van Zyl 33° and M.: III.: Bro Henry Selzer 33° were presented with Awards of

Merit and Merit Jewels for their outstanding contributions made to the Order in recent years.



The Boet du Plessis floating trophy for regional excellence in administration was awarded to the Southern Region and handed over to;

M.: III.: Bro Geoff Edwards 33° MA and Very III.: Bro Cedric Moroukian 33°.



THE AASR EXECUTIVE: 2022 - 2023

Following the untimely passing of MP Brother Du Plessis on the 22nd of July 2022, Puissant Brother Cor van Zyl 33° acted in the capacity of stand-in Sovereign Grand Commander until an election was held on the 22 August 2022, for the election of a new Sovereign Grand Commander.

In a controlled Zoom meeting, following the Statutes and Regulations for elections, MP Brother Victor Muhlenbeck 33° was elected by the executive as the new Sovereign Grand Commander for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.



PMP Bro Boet du Plessis 33* MA

At the election meeting, he stressed that following the upheaval created over the recent months, that the incumbent members holding office in the Executive would, given their unique set of high values, be his choice to ensure continuity of the leadership.

In the article, Developing Leadership Character, “When it comes to leadership, competencies determine what a person can do. Commitment determines what they want to do, and character determines what they will do.” Changes in leadership also sometimes brings with it opportunities to review the status quo and the way of doing things. To maximise the efficiency of the Executive of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) and align the roles and functions of the executive with comparable international standards, the description of certain Executive offices as well as the roles within our Executive have been reformulated as set out herein.

The Executive Officer descriptions and the composition of the Executive took effect from 20 October 2022 as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-2025

Office	Executive Members	Email
Sovereign Grand Commander	M.:P.: Bro. Victor Mühlenbeck 33°	sgc@asr.co.za
Lieutenant Grand Commander	P.: Bro. Cor Van Zyl 33°	ltcommander@asr.co.za
Grand Secretary General	M.: III.: Bro. Henry Selzer 33°	grandsecretary@asr.co.za
Grand Treasurer General	M.: III.: Bro. Simon Nash 33°	grandtreasurer@asr.co.za
Grand Minister of State	M.: III.: Bro. Geoff Edwards 33° M.A.	grandminister@asr.co.za
Grand Chancellor	M.: III.: Bro. Brandon Topham 33°	grandchancellor@asr.co.za
Grand Prior	M.: III.: Bro. Mahmoud Patel 33°	grandprior@asr.co.za
Grand Orator	M.: III.: Bro. Reuven Coenen 33°	grandorator@asr.co.za
Grand Master of Ceremony	M.: III.: Bro. Nowellyn Van Vuuren 33°	grandmc@asr.co.za
Grand Almoner	M.: III.: Bro. Alf Bronner 33°	bronnercd@gmail.com
Grand Captain of the Guard	M.: III.: Bro. Paul Nash 33°	grandcaptain@asr.co.za

EXECUTIVE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERALS

Region	ESGIG
Southern Region	M.: III.: Bro. Mahmoud Patel 33°
Northern Region	M.: III.: Bro. Reuven Coenen 33°
Central Region	P. : Bro. Cor Van Zyl 33°
Eastern Cape Region	M.: III.: Bro. Nowellyn Van Vuuren 33°
Eastern Coast Region	M.: III.: Bro. Henry Selzer 33°

SUPREME COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Thirty Third Degree Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in our Supreme Council are in their own right highly educated specialists and businessmen and therefore ideally suited to contribute their skill and expertise to the successful management of our Supreme Council. For this reason, we have created five Committee Work Group Structures to oversee the key management functions in addition to their Statutory roles in the AASR for South Africa.

In addition to serving as members of the executive, additional members of the Supreme Council holding the Thirty Third Degree have been included in certain of the work groups to add their essential attributes of leadership in the role and function of our serving committees. This inclusive culture in

which the full experience and talent of the team is leveraged for team success, will add value to our Supreme Council and will sustain our objectives far into the future.

The definition of the teams task already constitutes the foundation for success or failure and I have every confidence that the members elected to our executive will be fully committed to ensuring that the AASR for South Africa will continue on the path of excellence we had set for ourselves.

For the avid student of Leadership, I earnestly direct you to the work of Ken Blanchard and Randy Conley in their book “Simple Truths of Leadership,” the concept of servant leadership, and how great leaders build trust within their organizations.

Committee Work Group Structures (in no particular order).

1. Finance (Regalia, NPO/PBO Compliance, Benevolences and Fundraising).

- ❖ **Chairman:** M.: III.: Bro Simon Nash 33° M.E.
- ❖ Sovereign Grand Commander
- ❖ Puissant Bro Cor Van Zyl 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Brandon Topham 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Henry Selzer 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Alf Bronner 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Reuven Coenen 33° M.E.

2. Membership Development, Mentoring, Training, Advancements and Education.

- ❖ **Chairman:** M.: III.: Bro Mahmoud Patel 33° M.E.
- ❖ Sovereign Grand Commander
- ❖ Puissant Bro Cor Van Zyl 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Geoff Edwards 33° MA M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Simon Nash 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Paul Nash 33° M.E.
- ❖ Very III.: Bro Johan Britz 33°

3. Membership, Recruitment, Retention, Recovery and Public Relations, Information Technology, Systems and Social Media.

- ❖ **Chairman:** Puissant Bro Cor van Zyl 33° M.E.
- ❖ Sovereign Grand Commander
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Nowellyn Van Vuuren 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Mahmoud Patel 33° M.E.
- ❖ Very III.: Bro Keith Hutton 33°
- ❖ Very III.: Bro Ron Smith 33°
- ❖ ESGIG for each Region

4. Constitution, Statutes, Regulations, Norms, Rituals, Procedures.

- ❖ **Chairman:** M.: III.: Bro Brandon Topham 33° M.E.
- ❖ Sovereign Grand Commander
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Simon Nash 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Paul Nash 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Henry Selzer 33° M.E.
- ❖ M.: III.: Bro Mahmoud Patel 33° M.E.

5. Appendant bodies

5.1 Shriners – Mahi Shriners South Africa

- ❖ **Chairman:** M.: III.: Bro Paul Nash 33° M.E.
- ❖ Sovereign Grand Commander
- ❖ Members to be added.

5.2 De Molay – South Africa Jurisdiction

- ❖ **Chairman:** M.: III.: Bro Brandon Topham 33° M.E.
- ❖ Sovereign Grand Commander
- ❖ Members to be added.

I wish to commit the executive to being the Supreme Councils' greatest asset and that, by uplifting others through authentic, values-based leadership, they end up lifting up both themselves and our organisation. To quote President John F. Kennedy, who said; "A rising tide lifts all boats"

As positive energizers they will demonstrate and cultivate virtuous actions, including forgiveness, compassion, humility, kindness, trust, integrity, honesty, generosity, gratitude, and recognition in the AASR for SA. As a result, everyone flourishes. This is the least that we owe for the privilege to serve as elected and appointed leaders, and for which we hold ourselves accountable.

FINANCIAL.

Report prepared by M. Ill Brother Simon Nash in his capacity as Grand Secretary General

It gives me immense pleasure to report on the Supreme Council's Financial status for 2022. M.: III.: Brother Simon Nash 33° was appointed as Grand Treasurer at the end of March 2022 and faced the onerous task of rebuilding records and producing financial statements which are a legal imperative reporting the annual financial results for the AASR NPC Status. We are pleased to report that this has now been completed and the financial statements for the year ending June 2021 and up to and including June 2022 will be presented for approval at the AGM in May 2023.

At the same time interim management accounts for the period ending December 2022 have been completed and will be presented as well as the trial balance for the first quarter of 2023, with trial balances being submitted quarterly thereafter.

The management membership system, in the form of a multiple sheet workbook, had numerous errors with duplicated membership numbers, "missing" data and duplicated members. This has been rebuilt with assistance from the Grand secretary and

executive Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals for the regions and will also be presented at the AGM, to be completed in time to meet the target date for invoicing of Chapters and Consistories of end February 2023. A budget has been submitted for the 2023 year and the financial affairs of the Supreme Council will be managed in accordance with this budget.

I must express my appreciation to M.: III.: Bro Simon Nash 33° for his diligent and tireless efforts to update the records of the Supreme Council to permit financial expediency and an accurate data base.

EDUCATION.

The education committee will make a final review of all the rituals in order that we can present rituals in print that reflect on our aim of professionally presented rituals that are then conducive and encouraging to candidates for advancement to make growth in Masonic knowledge a hall mark of our Supreme Council. It has been another good year for growth in our membership and nearly all Chapters admitted new members into the AASR, and I wish them happiness and prosperity in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite experience as part of their Masonic journey.

RETENTION OF TITLES.

The international norm is that a former member of the Executive retains their acquired title as Most Puissant, Puissant or M.: III.: when he no longer serves on the Executive. As such with immediate effect, a member will retain the highest title acquired indefinitely and be addressed with that title.

To distinguish serving members of the Executive from past Executive members, current members of the Executive will be identified by affixing the letters M.E. (Member of the Executive) to their names e.g. M.: III.: Bro Mahmoud Patel 33° M.E.

CHARITY RELIEF.

The first charitable cause undertaken by the Supreme Council in 2023 emanates from an appeal put forward by M.: III.: Bro Simon Nash 33° to assist the feeding scheme *Walking Tall With Pride feeding scheme* which required help with registering as a non-profit organisation. Although they do benefit from monthly contributions from various organisations, including our Northern Division in the Grand Lodge of South Africa, they have numerous opportunities to receive much larger donations from corporate entities, provided that are able to issue a section 18A tax exemption certificate.

Given the success that our Grand Secretary General in his capacity as a lawyer has had in the success of securing such a status for our Supreme Council, he has agreed to on a pro bono basis, with third party cost support from our Supreme Council, to make a similar application on behalf of *Walking Tall*. This would then make it possible that they would be able to significantly expand their charity work to more surrounding low-income group schools also in desperate need of daily sustenance. It is in my opinion, a case of the old Chinese proverb of "feeding a man for a day, you give him a fish, but to feed him for life is to teach him to fish".

RITUALS.

The executive committee have approved printing of sufficient rituals and members manuals in each of the degrees to finally expand on our commitment to distribute at minimal cost, to all our existing members. This should be complete within the first quarter of 2023. The changes will also now include Opening and Closing prayers in all our rituals, as this surprisingly had not been included in any of our older or new rituals. My thanks to our Grand Orator, M.: III.: Bro. Reuven Coenen 33° for making the required recommendations to further align our rituals with the appropriate reverence in our labours.

INTERNATIONAL.

With the untimely passing of M. P. Brother Boet du Plessis, we had lost several address lists, in particular of the many Supreme Council's whom we

are in Amity. I am however pleased to report that M. Ill Brother Geoff Edwards MA in his capacity as Grand Minister of State is making good progress in reconnecting with the current leaders in our Supreme Councils in amity.

The Supreme Council for Albania was consecrated and installed on the 27th of September 2022 in Tirana by the Supreme Council of Italy, the Supreme Council of Paraguay, the Supreme Council of Brazil, the Supreme Council of Israel and the Supreme Council of Slovakia. Their request for amity will be considered at our next annual meeting, of which we would follow the concordat of Supreme Councils with whom we are already in amity with.

NEW SUPREME COUNCIL FOR MADAGASCAR.

We had been invited by the MPSGC Vijayen Mardemootoo, 33°, of the Supreme Council for Mauritius together with the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Confederation of the Supreme Councils for Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Associated Countries of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to consecrate a Regular Supreme Council for Madagascar held in Balacava, Mauritius on the 10 of November, 2022. Regrettably due to circumstance we were unable to attend but submitted our fraternal greetings and good wishes to the new Supreme Council for Madagascar.

GERMANY.

As we built excellent fraternal relations with the Supreme Council for Germany, in particular with their Sovereign Grand Commander, M.P. Brother Eberhardt Desch 33°, who has admirably served their Supreme Council as Sovereign Grand Commander for over 17 years will be stepping down and we will honour the friendship and attend the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council for Germany in March 2023.

TURKEY.

They had planned a physical visit to Turkey Rite Festivities 2022, but due to circumstances prevailing, they elected to host a global Zoom meeting on October the 14 which was well attended,

and it was an honour to have been included in the meeting, giving our Supreme Council a presence in the international arena.

REGIONAL REPORT BACK.

NORTHERN REGION.

We are pleased to report that the AASR for SA received an application of Bro Johan J Britz to re-join the AASR. This was approved by the exco following consultation with the Northern Region and Consistory Eendracht Maakt Macht (EMM) who are his joining Chapter.

Report by M.: III.: Bro Reuven Coenen 33°, Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General (ESGIG), Northern Region

The outlook for the Northern Region is positive and the recruitment of new members and the resultant growth in the AASR membership is progressing nicely. A substantial amount of Brethren are waiting to be initiated (the bulk of which will be brought on board in January 2023). A number of lost Brethren have also returned and are once again active.

Besides the necessary recruitment of suitable GLSA Master Masons, there is considerable interest from Master Masons from the sister constitutions who are attracted by our 'universal' approach.

The Northern Region consist of Consistory Eendrag Maak Mag and the four Chapters, namely Eendracht Maakt Macht (EMM), Koh-I-Noor, Prosperitas and Ortu Phoenix.

On 25th March 2022, Brothers Simon Nash and Reuven Coenen were exalted to the 33rd degree and both are now active members of the Supreme Council.

M III Bro Johan Britz re-joined Supreme Council in October 2022 and we are excited to have him back as he has a wealth of experience to share with us.

M III Bro Reuven Coenen handed over the reins of Eminent Commander of the Consistory to III Bro Ignatius Methuen in October 2022 and Bro Coenen

is now able to focus on leading the Northern Region as its ESGIG, the office to which he was elected earlier in the year.

In November 2022, Chapter Koh-I-Noor performed the first 14th degree ritual in South Africa and Ven Bro Fritz Ganz was duly advanced to that degree. The launching of the first 22nd degree ritual will happen in early 2023.

At the higher degrees, 5 Brethren were advanced to the 18th degree; 5 Brethren were advanced to the 28th degree, 2 Brethren were advanced to the 30th degree; 2 Brethren were advanced to the 31st degree and 3 Brethren were advanced to the 32nd degree.

The focus is on building the future leaders of the AASR.

CENTRAL REGION.

The report compiled by Puissant Brother Cor van Zyl in his capacity as executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Central Region.

III. Bro Mike Combrink of Chapter Ronnie Bauser was advanced to the 30th degree. At the Consistory meeting III Brothers Theoniel Pieterse, Johnny Cambanis and Jan Coetzee were advanced to the 31 degrees. With the Chapters meetings three new Brothers were advanced to their 4th degree, namely Brothers Dr Ben Vorster, John Meyer, and Ben Calitz.

Consistory Unie 906 and Chapters Free State and Ronnie Bauser meetings were held in Kimberley. At these meetings the first advancement workings for AASR, Supreme Council South Africa too place in the Masonic temple Kimberley. At the Consistory meeting four (4) Brothers were advanced to the 28th degree, namely III Brothers Percy Booth, Dewayne Brown, Dewald Labuschagne and Francois Dauth.

At the Chapters meetings four (4) Brothers were advanced to their 18th degree, namely Brothers; Aristos Abatzoglou, Dr Ben Vorster, John Meyer, and Ben Calitz.



The Kimberly Consistory and Chapter meetings

SOUTHERN REGION.

Report prepared by M. Ill Brother Mahmoud Patel in his capacity as Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern Region

Report for the 2022 activities prepared by M Ill Bro Mahmoud Patel 33° M.E ESGIG – Southern Region and Grand Prior - Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa

CONSISTORY.

16/02/2022: Ill Bros John EH Smith (The Grand Master) and Evangelos Doucas were advanced to the 31° Degree.

8/03/2022: Ill Bros Ronald T Smith, Harold W Archer, and John EH Smith were advanced to the 32° Degree.

Both Meetings went extremely well with excellent feedback from all who attended including the newly advanced Brethren.

AASR AGM: Cape Town 25 - 26/03/2022

The Supreme Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022 was held on the weekend of 25th to 27th March 2022 at the De Goede Hoop Masonic Complex Cape Town. The Conference theme was Ethics and Professionalism. All members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for South Africa were invited, and the attendance

was good. Distinguished Heads and members of the Sister Constitution AASR attended and were extremely impressed by the professionalism and expertise of the AGM.

The programme highlights included a 33° Degree exaltation working on Friday evening, 25th of March 2022. The programme for Saturday the 26th of March 2022 had an outstanding guest speaker as stated by Brethren who had attended. I was honoured to be the Master of Ceremonies for the AGM. The AGM on the 26th of March 2022 included a 9° Degree (Elu) working by Chapter de Goede Hoop. All participants were impressed by the ceremony and communicated as such.

CHAPTERS.

All meetings for Chapters have resumed physically with practices and/or Lectures. Practices have taken place for the upcoming 14th Degree ceremonial workings inclusive of further advancements in Consistory, once all administrative and financial process, have been duly complied with.

MEMBERSHIP.

We unfortunately lost some members due to financial problems, death, illness, expulsion, and other matters in the profane. St Jan Rose Croix Chapter due to having only 3 active members has requested to go into recess, and the members have indicted joining L' Esperance Rose Croix Chapter.

Thus, we look forward to the new members that shall be joining the AASR in the Southern Region.

RITUALS AND REGALIA.

Orders to be placed, as and when necessary from Masonic disciplines.

FINANCES.

The Southern Regions finances are well managed by the Regions/Consistory Treasurer.

EASTERN CAPE REGION.

I had the distinct pleasure to do my first visit as SGC to Chapter Fiat Lux meeting for the first time in the newly consecrated temple in Port Elizabeth, doing an 18 th degree working on the 27 th October 2022

EASTERN CAPE REGION.

Report prepared by M. Ill Brother Nowellyn Van Vuuren in his capacity as Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Eastern Cape Region



The Port Elizabeth Temple.

2022 started fantastically well as we welcomed the Scottish Brethren who had joined us. Our new Temple home brought also new excitement to all the Brethren.

April: started with a 4th degree working.

May; 4th Degree workings

June;

a 28th Degree working

June;

a 30th Degree working.

July;

a 4th Degree working

August;

a 4th Degree working

November;

an 18th Degree working where we were blessed to have our new Sovereign Grand

Commander visiting the Chapter. The Ill Brethren were excited to congratulate our Sovereign Grand Commander on his appointment and for attending their first meeting in the new temple.

The Eastern Cape Region is proud of the achievement of growing the Chapter and Consistory. This was only possible with positive Brethren getting together and putting in a real effort. We Achieved a total of 8 Meetings in the calendar term, which is only 4 meetings normally, by increasing. The amount of meeting dates made the major difference to our region.

The key is team effort and we are blessed with teamwork in the region.

NORTH EASTERN REGION.

The earlier directive, now reversed, of placing the management of the North Eastern Region under the Central Division had severely disrupted the function of the Chapter and Consistory. I am pleased to report that they have again lined up a number of Fourth, Eighteenth degree candidates as well as planning for further advancements which will commence in the Durban Masonic Centre at NMR in the first quarter of 2023

REGIONAL CHAPTERS AND CONSISTORIES

Region	Consistories	Chapters
South Western Region	de Goede Hoop 914	de Goede Hoop No 1
		St Jan No 3
		L'Esperance No 25
Northern Region	Eendrag Maak Mag 912	Eendracht Maakt Macht No 5
		Prosperitas No 20
		Koh-i-Noor No 38
Central Region	Unie 906	Vrystaat No 36
		Ronnie Bauser No. 28
North Eastern Region	Natal 904	Phoenix No 32
South Eastern Region	The Settlers 902	The Settlers No 4
		Royal Protea No 21

VISION FOR 2023.

From my many lessons in life, I will repeatedly profess my belief that two fundamental aspects should govern our lives and, in my opinion, should be the vanguard against which successful trustworthy teams or organisations should place their values, namely Trust and Respect.

Our Supreme Council is blessed with an array of very dedicated and committed Freemasons at every level. Even more so, we have a highly competent team in the executive, who by the very definition of being a Thirty Third Degree Freemason and members of our Consistory, having been recognised

for their outstanding contribution to civil society and to Freemasonry in general.

If we reflect on what business we are in, our system of degrees is a progressive learning system that for our members, unites men of good character who, though of different religious, ethnic or social backgrounds, share a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind. Freemasonry in its progressive degrees offers a system or blueprint for the good man, through this system of degrees, symbols, and fellowship to build on the foundation of formal education and enhances the value of human capital and in the process enhance his character.

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER.

This is a responsibility that we as leaders in Freemasonry, should take seriously if we are to truly build the members of society that our Order professes to stand for.

As Freemasons, we have the talent, passion, capacity to recognize that knowledge gained should be knowledge shared; that investing time, knowledge and experience through mentoring and coaching is one of the better ways to live our Masonic principles. In our modern, fast-moving, and often isolating society, it is more important than ever that leaders endeavour to seek and share these

basic truths and put them into action through a life that informs, influences and inspires others.

In a post-pandemic world, we now have the opportunity to do justice to those of our members eager to advance in their acquisition of Masonic knowledge and progress and I am looking forward to a Contagious Positive Energy from the Chapter and Consistory members in relationships within groups which we all know from experience, if delivered with sincerity can be extraordinarily life-enhancing and uplifting.

SCOTTISH SUPREME COUNCIL.

A very successful meeting with the Scottish Supreme Council in the Northern Region was held at their Sovereign Tribunal meeting on Saturday 1st October 2022. A number of our executive members attended, namely Most Puissant Bro Victor Muhlenbeck 33°, Puissant Bro Cor Van Zyl 33°, Most Illustrious Bros Paul Nash 33°, Reuven Coenen 33° and Bernard Nieuhaus 33°



On my right is Deputy for the Supreme Council for Scotland, in the Province of Central Southern Africa, V.III.Bro. Richard Gibson and on my left, the Past Deputy for the Supreme Council for Scotland, in the Province of Central Southern Africa, V.III.Bro. David Watson-Lamb.

CONCLUSION.

We all, in our respective Chapters regularly and diligently make every effort to encourage new members to join our AASR. I would be remiss if I forgo the opportunity to thank the members of Chapters and Consistory for the effort they make in growing our Supreme Council, leading with purpose to define our priorities, especially in a post-pandemic scenario of Covid fatigue, were we had become complacent and accepting of digital meetings and the numerous personal challenges facing us every day.

I there take the liberty of thanking the brethren for their unstinting effort in all the regions under such trying times. May I congratulate the Officers and members of especially the Chapters for the successful degree workings performed on their candidates, thereby re-energising participation in and expansion of our Order. Our Supreme Council will in the eyes of our candidates only be as successful and relevant as the experience that we bring to them as they grow in their Masonic knowledge. Furthermore, our positive contribution to the retention of Master Masons in craft lodges, remains rooted in the positive contribution we afford our new members as they find new enthusiasm in their journey. Please convey my gratitude to all your members.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Executive and the Chapters and Consistory with whom I have had much pleasure in participating for their support and friendship over the last thirty years.

Yours in Faith, Hope and Love.

**MP Bro Victor Mühlenbeck 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander.
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa.**



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
*	A B du Plessis	2021	Sovereign Grand Commander
	G R Edwards	2021	Past Sovereign Grand Inspector General

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
	G R Edwards	2015-2020		PI Nash	2016 - 2018
	M Patel	2020 to present	*	M Kotze	2019 - 2021
				PI Nash (acting)	2021-2022
				R Coenen	2022 to present

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
	C van Zyl	2016 to present	*	GLN Schuitemaker	2011-2012
			*	C Inggs	2015-2015
				FCA Roodt	2015-2022