

**Grand Lodge of South Africa
Grootloosie van Suid - Afrika**



Jaarboek – 2023 - Yearbook



Deo et Collegio

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

Coat of Arms of the Grand Lodge of South Africa as registered at the Bureau of Heraldry
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Arms: Or a square with corner baseward surmounted by a compass Gules; on a chief Azure with a sun
in splendour: Or Crest: A lion couchant; Or Wreath; Or Gules; Supporters: Two Springboks proper;
collared On Motto: Deo et Collegio

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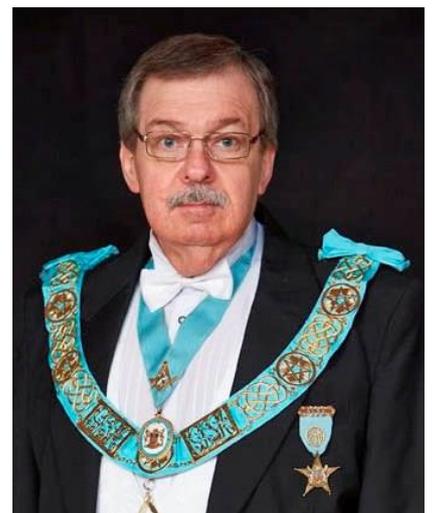
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Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika

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, nieteenstaande 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 indiwidu 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 indiwidualiteit 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

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,

buitelandse of binnelandse Staatsbeleid. Dit sal verder nie toelaat dat sy naam gekoppel word aan enige handelinge, ongeag die skynbare humanitêre aard daarvan nie, wat inbreuk maak op sy onwrikbare beleid van onpartydigheid wat alle kwessies rakende betrekkinge tussen regerings of tussen politieke partye betref of botsende teorieë oor Staatsvorme nie.

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

either at home or abroad and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however 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

- (c) reik vir nuwe Losies (en Koninklike Gewelfkapittels) tot tyd en wyl dit gerade of 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 hydra 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.

- (d) 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.

**GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA
GROOTLOSGIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA
(Established / Gestig 1961)**

VISION

The members of our Fraternity work constantly to improve the reputation of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, not only within our country but also throughout Africa. We are a growing and successful organization that operates professionally, acts ethically and is all-inclusive in its diverse membership.

MISSION

The Grand Lodge of South Africa is a group of men who share similar values and beliefs. They provide support, encouragement, and guidance to each other as they go through life by following a strict set of moral and ethical principles, and they prioritize the well-being of others over their own individual interests.

We prioritize the values of tolerance, respect, inclusion, and charitable actions which help our members grow personally and become better men. In this way we as Freemasons continually strive to make a positive impact not only on our members but also in our communities and our country.

VALUE

To preserve and respect the timeless traditions and landmarks of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge of South Africa is not affiliated with any political or religious groups and values the diversity of our country by welcoming quality men from all walks of life, regardless of their beliefs, race, social status, or background. We are committed to excellence in everything we do, with the goal of making the world a better place, one good man at a time. We aim to bridge the gaps that divide societies by focusing on our core values of respect, truth, friendship, charitable work, inclusivity, and integrity so these values can positively impact our communities.

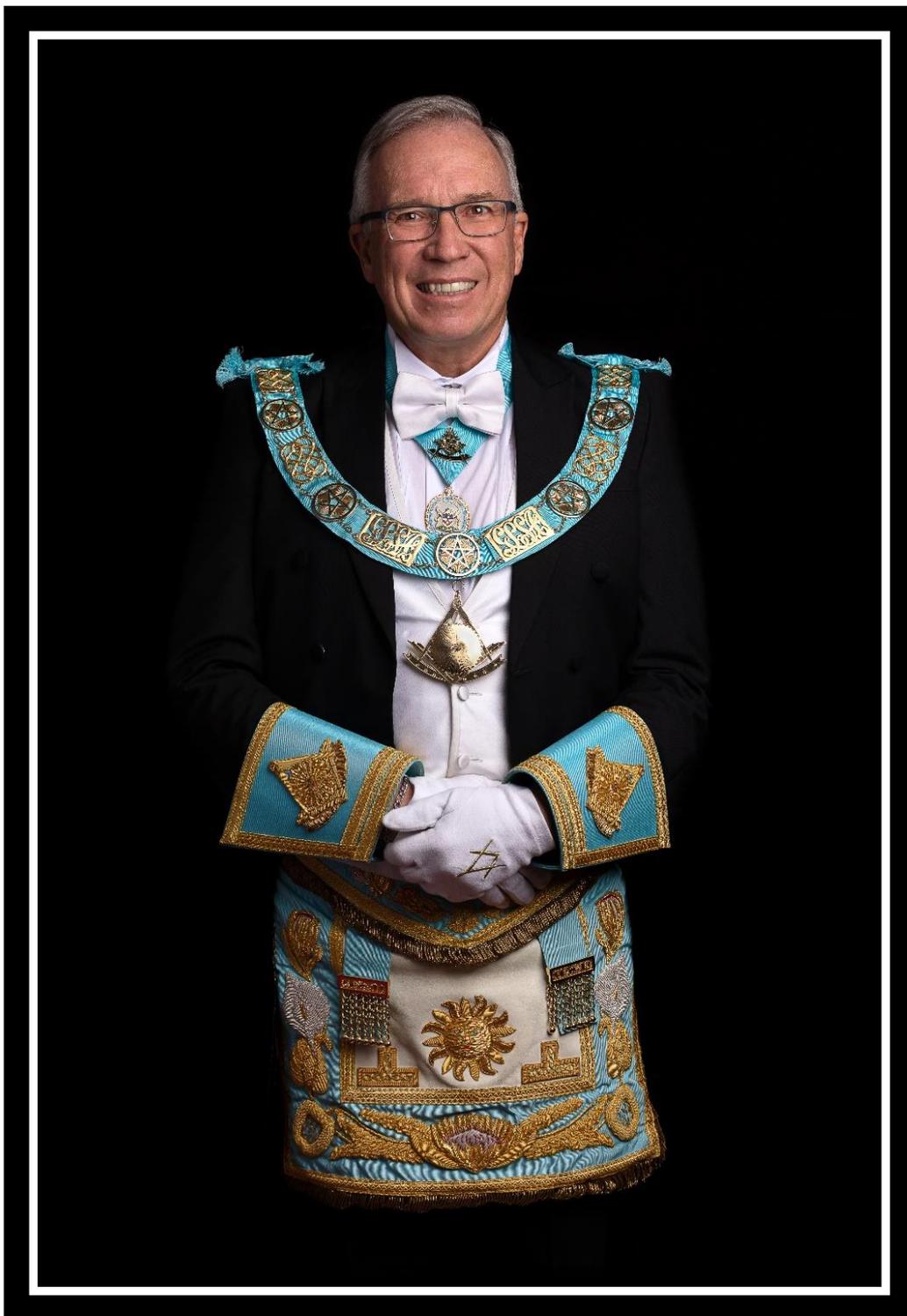
The retiring Grand Master / Die Grootmeester

Most Worshipful Bro / Hoogerwaard Br
John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA



The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester

Most Worshipful Bro / Hoogeerwaarde Br
Godfrey Stuart Place



Grand Lodge Commissioned Officers

Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester.



R.W. Bro T.W. Hardiman.

Assistent Grootmeesters / Assistant Grand Masters.



R.W. Bro J.J. Britz MSA



R.W. Bro K.J. Hutton GSA

Annual Report of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. Jaarsverlag Van Die Grootmeester van die Grootloosie van Suid Afrika.

2022/2023

Brethren, it is my honour and privilege to present this, my third and final annual report. As my term of office comes to an end this year and as I decided not to make myself available for a second term of office, timeous notice was sent to all our members requesting nominations for the office of Grand Master. Thereafter and during May 2023 the Grand Conclave duly elected RW Bro Godfrey Stuart Place as the next Grand Master and I will install him as such after the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge on 15 July 2023 in Johannesburg.

As we did during the past two years, this report will be sent per email to all our members prior to this annual meeting and I will merely refer to certain highlights mentioned herein at the meeting. The Afrikaans translation of this report will be published in the 2023 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, not for only sparing us during the past year, but also for showering us with blessings which has enabled us to continue to enjoy our Freemasonry.

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. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement, which is much appreciated.

Administration

Apart from fulfilling his role as the Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM has continued to compile, edit and distribute the monthly Grand Lodge newsletter, being the Square & Compass. These newsletters are still being sent electronically to all our members as well as to certain members of our Sister Constitutions and to the Grand Lodges with which we are in amity. In addition to the above,

you also continue to look after our electronic Grandview system, which contains a host of information on Masonic topics and where each member's personal profile is kept safe, secure and up to date. Thank you again for your continued dedication and commitment as Grand Secretary.

Benevolence

During the past year the Grand Lodge has acceded to certain requests for monetary donations and we have been blessed by the generosity of certain Brethren to whom Grand Lodge Charity Jewels have been awarded, namely RW Bro Tommy Hardiman (Lodge Westerford), Wor Bro King Armstrong (Lodge Alpha) and Wor Bro Marco Petronio (Lodge Hiram).

The Grand Almoner, Wor Bro Andre Germishuys, has again kept me apprised of all ailments, illnesses and deaths relating to the Grand Lodge officers and their family members, even though you have continued to struggle with certain health problems yourself. I thank you most sincerely for your continued commitment in the faithful discharge of your duties in this very important office.

I again thank all the Provincial Grand Almoners, being Wor Bro Cobis Wilson (Southern Division), Wor Bro Kevin Smith (Northern Division), Wor Bro John Meyer (Central Division), Wor Bro Andrew Pover (Eastern Division) and Wor Bro Ian Hetherington (Eastern Cape Division) for all the work you have done during the past year in your respective offices. I again thank each and every Lodge Almoner for ensuring that the members of your particular Lodge are not neglected. Your continued commitment and dedication in fulfilling your duties in this regard ensures that none of Brethren are forgotten.

Chains Conference

We held another successful Chains Conference in Bloemfontein during April 2023 under the

chairmanship of the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Brandon Topham. We decided to focus on the broad concept of membership and I again thank all the Brethren who attended this conference. I am sure that the new Grand Master will carefully consider several of the proposals which were made there when he formulates his plans for his term of office.

Constitution

The Constitution Committee has again made several recommendations to the Grand Committee to amend certain Articles in our Constitution, Laws and Regulations to enhance the efficient functioning of our Grand Lodge and I thank RW Bro Godfrey Place and all the members of this Committee for your time and dedication in ensuring that the proposed amendments are logical and practical and are made in the best interests of all the members of our Grand Lodge.

Discipline

We fortunately had a relatively quiet year in this regard and I thank all the members of our Grand Lodge for your co-operation in faithfully complying with our Statutes, which is essential in any organisation.

Education

I was humbled when the Inter-constitutional Masonic Education Fund in the Western Cape, which has financially assisted hundreds of children of Freemasons to obtain a quality education since its inception in 1887, presented me with an honorary life membership. I will wear the unique breast jewel which I received with pride with my Lodge regalia. I again encourage our members to contribute to the various Masonic Education Funds and to access the many interesting articles and addresses on Masonic educational topics which are published on Grandview. The Advancement Criteria program for Apprentices and Fellow Crafts is bearing fruit and our members are becoming more and more proficient as they progress on their Masonic journey.

Finances

As a result of the continued escalation in the general cost of living, we introduced a debit order system to assist our members to pay their capitation and subscription fees on a monthly basis instead of in a lump sum at the beginning of the year. While a large number of our members have gratefully embraced this system, many have unfortunately not taken advantage thereof and are now in arrears with their payments. The Provincial Grand Masters must ensure that these members are in good standing and are not excluded and so lose the benefits of being a Freemason. An exclusion from any of our Lodges will automatically also exclude such member from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa as well as from all the Sister Constitutions in South Africa.

I again thank our informal 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. I also again thank RW Bro Brandon Topham and the members of the Grand Lodge Investment Committee for continuing to ensure that our investments are properly and securely managed. It has been well said that there is no calamity greater than lavish desires and no disaster greater than greed.

Foreign Relations

During June 2022 we celebrated the 250th anniversary of Lodge De Goede Hoop in Cape Town and the development of Freemasonry in this country across all the Constitutions over the past 250 years. The program included an audio-visual presentation titled the Magic of Freemasonry, which was followed by a welcome cocktail party, a Rededication Ceremony for Lodge De Goede Hoop which was followed by the installation of its new Presiding Master, the Grand Lodge annual meeting which was followed by a banquet and ball at the Kelvin Grove Country Club and a farewell breakfast at the Vredenheim wine farm. Apart from a large number of Brethren and their wives and partners from all the Constitutions and from all parts of South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, we also had

Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other senior Grand Lodge officers from several African and European Grand Lodges attending this celebration. A comprehensive report on this celebration is contained in the 2022 Grand Lodge yearbook.

During September 2022 our Grand Lodge was represented by MW Bro David Duncan OSM and RW Bro Brandon Topham at the investiture of the new Pro-Grand Master of the UGLE, MW Bro Jonathan Spence. As we had not been able to visit any Grand Lodges due to the Covid pandemic, I attended the annual communication of the National Grand Lodge of France during December 2022 where I was able to spend some quality time with a large number of Grand Masters and senior Grand Lodge officers from more than sixty other Grand Lodges.

During March 2023 we were invited by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to attend the installation of their District Grand Master of the Western Cape. I was delighted to finally meet their Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Bro Ramsay McGhee and I, in turn, invited him to accompany me to an initiation ceremony at Lodge Westerford. RW Bro Brandon Topham thereafter represented our Grand Lodge at the celebration of the 155th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Liberia, for which I thank you most sincerely.

During April 2023 our Grand Lodge was again represented by MW Bro David Duncan OSM at the installation of the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, MW Bro Rodney McCurley, for which I thank you most sincerely.

During May 2023 I attended the 18th World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges in Israel, where I was invited to deliver a lecture on the concept of Amity. More than one hundred Grand Lodges were represented there and it was a most interesting and enlightening experience. As the previous (the 17th) World Conference in 2021 had decided to award the honour of hosting the next (the 19th) World Conference in 2024 to the Grand Orient of Parana in Brazil, this Conference culminated with a unanimous vote that the Grand Lodge of South Africa will

host the 20th World Conference in Cape Town during May 2026. This will be the first World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges ever on the African continent.

Grand Committee

In addition to the physical scheduled Grand Committee meetings, we again held these 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

In preparing to celebrate 250 years of Freemasonry in South Africa, RW Bro Brian Rossouw OSM, the Chairman of the Heritage Committee and the members of this Committee compiled a Heritage Book which comprises 1300 pages and reflects and records the development of Freemasonry in South Africa across all the Constitutions and Masonic Orders over the past 250 years. It is a masterpiece and I have presented copies of this book to visiting Grand Masters and to the Grand Lodges which I have visited. If any of our members do not have a copy of this book, I encourage you to purchase one without delay.

RW Bro Rex Ingle, a member of this Committee, has undertaken the enormous task of sorting through and collating the historical documents of our Lodges of the Northern and the Eastern Divisions and is establishing an archive in Johannesburg. MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM has established an archive in Cape Town to accommodate the historical records of the Lodges of the Southern Division. I thank these Brethren and all those who have and still are assisting them in this endeavour most sincerely. I trust that Brethren who are interested in preserving our heritage in the other Divisions will offer their services in this regard. Many important and invaluable documents, like a hand-written charge in the Third Degree by Bro Johannes Truter and dated 1798, have been discovered during this process, which have

contributed to the continuing compilation of our history.

Obituaries

During the past year several of our members have passed away including RW Bro Boet du Plessis, a Past Grand Junior Warden and the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa. We have also lost three of our 60-year jewel holders, being RW Bro Frikkie Botha, RW Bro Hymie Bekker and Bro Danie van Rensburg as well as a 50 year jewel holder, being Wor Bro Neil MacKechnie.

Several of our Brethren have also lost 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

During this year we introduced the innovative Balanced Lodge program which was initiated by RW Bro Brandon Topham and which is designed to assist our Lodges to pay particular attention to all aspects which an effective lodge needs to continuously focus on to be a balanced and successful lodge. While many Lodges immediately implemented this program and have thereby become even more successful, there are still Lodges which have inexplicably ignored it. I again encourage all our Lodges to embrace this program or run the risk of stagnation, indifference and eventual closure.

While some Lodges had unofficial mentors, we also introduced an official program to train all Master Masons to be mentors. This was initiated by MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM and is designed to encourage all committed and enthusiastic Master Masons to gain the required knowledge to be mentors to the Apprentices and Fellow Crafts in their Lodges and thereby ensure that they enjoy a quality experience as they progress on their Masonic journey.

Most of our Lodges have been active and we have initiated more than 60 new Candidates this year. Large numbers of Apprentices have been

passed and Fellow Crafts have been raised. Several lodges executed multiple degree workings on a single day to catch up with the backlog caused by the Covid pandemic and I thank all the members involved herein for your initiative in this regard and for your hard work in ensuring that each Candidate still received a meaningful experience.

Southern Division

At the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in June 2022 I had the honour of presenting a 50-year long service jewel to Wor Bro Jock Wood (Lodge Marina), a member of this Division. I conducted the Rededication ceremony in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Lodge De Goede Hoop and Wor Bro Raymond Eyiomen was thereafter installed as this Lodge's Presiding Master in the presence of more than 150 Brethren.

At the annual meeting of this Division during September 2022, Wor Bro Cobis Wilson was appointed as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The following Brethren received special awards, namely Bro Avron Lucas (Lodge De Goede Trouw – Best Secretary), Bro Mark van Dijk (Lodge De Goede Verwachting – Best Masonic Paper), Bro Gary Hendricks (Lodge Perseverance – PGL Charity Jewel), Wor Bro Cobis Wilson (Lodge De Goede Verwachting – Outstanding Service) and Wor Bro Danny Retief (Lodge De Goede Hoop – Outstanding Service).

The members of this Division participate in an inter-constitutional competition and I again congratulate their shooting and pool teams on winning these events. The upcoming Trivial Pursuit event promises to be great fun and all proceeds will be donated to the Masonic Homes. This project commenced more than 40 years ago and still provides comfortable and subsidised accommodation to more than 50 elderly and infirm persons. I again thank Wor Bro Michael Burchell, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Homes NPC as well as the other Directors for their time and efforts in ensuring that these homes function efficiently. I also thank the Chairmen of the individual homes for your unselfish dedication which ensures that the occupants of these

homes continue to enjoy a dignified and stress-free living environment, namely MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM (Desmain Lodge), Wor Bro Michael Burchell (Burchell House), RW Bro Ronnie Smith (Ted's House), Wor Bro Jan Venter (Andy's House) and Wor Bro Danny Retief (the Quad House). It has been well said that life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you. I therefore again encourage all members to attend or support the annual Spring Ball in September which is the main fund raiser for these homes.

I again thank all the Brethren who are actively involved with benevolent projects like Wor Bro Gary Hendricks and the Brethren who assist him to provide a nourishing meal for more than 300 destitute persons every week. During June 2023 the members of this Division again attended and participated in an inter-constitutional Thanksgiving Service.

Although Lodge Cape Town was unfortunately placed in recess, there are several senior Brethren who intend resuscitating this lodge as a Past Masters' research and day-time lodge. I encourage all elderly members who can no longer attend their lodge's evening meetings to consider joining this proposed day-time lodge, which promises to be most entertaining, enlightening and a lot of fun.

I will be disinvesting RW Bro Tommy Hardiman, the Provincial Grand Master, at this annual meeting as he has been appointed as the Deputy Grand Master. I congratulate you on this promotion and I thank you for all the work which you have done in and for this Division.

Northern Division

At the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in June 2022 I appointed RW Bro Johan Britz MSA and RW Bro Godfrey Place, both members of this Division, as Assistant Grand Masters. During July 2022 I installed RW Bro Simon Nash as the Provincial Grand Master at the annual meeting of this Division. The following Brethren were appointed by him as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, being Wor Bro Alex Ndubuisi, Wor Bro Gerald Bosch, Wor Bro Achille Katumbay and Wor Bro Marius

Mostert. The following Brethren received special awards at this meeting, being Wor Bro Wikus Steyl (Lodge De Broedeband – Best Presiding Master), Wor Bro Skottowe Lourens (Lodge Orange - Best Secretary - shared), Bro Willie Luck (Lodge Star of the East – Best Secretary - shared), Bro Fritz Gantz (Lodge De Broederband – Best Master Mason – shared), Bro Dougie Sansom (Lodge Star of the West – Best Master Mason - shared), Bro Omelemo Sepato (Lodge President Burgers – Best Ritualist).

At this meeting I had the honour of presenting 50-year long service awards and jewels to three members of this Division, being RW Bro Piet Naude MSA (Lodge Trichardt), Wor Bro Leon Sher (Lodge Star of the East) and Wor Bro Martin Prinsloo (Lodge Star of the West). During September 2022 RW Bro Brandon Topham conducted a Rededication ceremony in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Lodge Brits, where after Wor Bro Pieter Pretorius was installed as the new Presiding Master in the presence of more than 50 Brethren. During December 2022 Wor Bro Marius Mostert was promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Wor Bro Wikus Steyl was obligated and invested as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Although Lodge Rising Star and Lodge Jock of the Bushveld were unfortunately placed in recess, Lodge Alpha arranged a golf day to raise money for charity. I again thank all the Brethren and the lodges most sincerely who are involved in ongoing charitable projects like the Walking Tall with Pride feeding scheme which provides a nourishing meal for more than 150 destitute persons on a weekly basis. I also thank all the Brethren and Lodges who continue to support the Masonic Haven for the Aged in Pretoria.

Central Division

During August 2022 I conducted a Rededication ceremony in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lodge Parys where after Wor Bro Stephan Venter was installed as the Presiding Master. During September 2022 the members of Lodge Peace and Harmony and Lodge Magersfontein in Kimberley promoted Freemasonry by manning watering points at the

Magersfontein marathon, for which I thank you. They also treated their wives and partners to a special themed lunch at the Masonic Temple in Kimberley after a combined meeting of these two Lodges.

During December 2022 Lodge Senekal hosted its annual Christmas party, which was much enjoyed by the large number of children and their parents who attended it. During July 2023 Lodge Unie in Bloemfontein, which is the fourth oldest Lodge on the register of our Grand Lodge, will be celebrating its 160th anniversary.

RW Bro Frans Appelgryn will be retiring as the Provincial Grand Master at this annual meeting and I thank you for all the work which you have done in and for this Division over the past several years where you have served in the offices as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and finally as the Provincial Grand Master.

Eastern Division

At the annual meeting of this Division in May 2023, Wor Bro Ike Ezeuduje was promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In recognition of the sterling work undertaken by the members of the local Chapter of the Widows' Sons motorcycle club during the civil unrest in Kwa Zulu Natal in 2021, which greatly assisted Freemasons and members of the public, I presented an Award of Excellence on behalf of our Grand Lodge to the chairman of this Chapter, Wor Bro Gary Baney, who is a member of the English Constitution in this Province.

Lodge Dromedaris and Lodge Theophilus were unfortunately placed in recess but a new lodge is being considered for the North Coast. During June 2023 the members of this Division again promoted Freemasonry by manning watering points at the Comrades' marathon, for which I thank you.

Eastern Cape Division

At the annual meeting of this Division in November 2022 I attended to the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Port Elizabeth. I also presented the Order of Service to Freemasonry (OSM) to RW Bro Keith Hutton,

a 60-year long service jewel to Wor Bro Hylke Jorritsma (Lodge Sonheuwel) and Grand Lodge Builder's Jewels to Wor Bro Marius Terblanche (Lodge De Vereeniging) and Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren (Lodge Tolerance). Wor Bro Ric Gillmer was promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Wor Bro James Lidderd (Snr), Wor Bro Daniel Stander and Wor Bro Paul West were obligated and invested as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

During April 2023 I dedicated the new Masonic Temple in Jeffreys Bay and I presented Grand Lodge Builder's Jewels to Wor Bro James Lidderd (Snr), Wor Bro James Lidderd (Jnr) and Bro Herdus Snyman, all members of Lodge Jeffreys Bay.

I will be disinvesting RW Bro Keith Hutton OSM, the Provincial Grand Master, at this annual meeting as he has been appointed as an Assistant Grand Master. I congratulate you on this promotion and I thank you again for all the work which you have done in and for this Division.

Lodge Makalani

This Lodge reverted to holding regular physical business and ceremonial meetings as soon as it could do so, which enabled the members to catch up with the backlog caused by the Covid lockdown. It further continued with its charitable initiatives and RW Bro Charles Montgomery, a Past Master of this Lodge and a Grand Junior Warden, ensures that this Lodge continues to promote the Aim and Objectives of the Grand Lodge of South Africa in Namibia, for which I thank you and the members of this Lodge, most sincerely.

This Lodge will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee during August 2023 and I know that the new Grand Master and many Brethren from South Africa will undertake the long journey to Grootfontein to celebrate this special event with them.

Public Relations

The Grand Lodge yearbook is not only an important source of history, but also equally important as a public relations and marketing

tool for our Grand Lodge and I thank MW Bro David Duncan OSM for again compiling and editing the 2022 yearbook. These year books are readily available on Grandview and on our Grand Lodge Website. I again encourage all our Brethren to join one or more of the Special Interest Groups which have been formed. These include Esoteric Masonry, Masonic Sailing, Learning Masons, Masonic Assistance Network, Hunting and Shooting Masons, Masonic Accountants, Masonic Lawyers and Masonic Sales and Auctions.

Ritual Excellence

We encourage our members to study the rituals and I again congratulate Wor Bro Skottowe Lourens (Lodge Orange) and Wor Bro Raymond Eyiomen (Lodge De Goede Hoop) on attaining the much sought after Grand Ritualist Jewel during this year. To do so requires much preparation and a flawless presentation of much of the work in one of the degree rituals. These brethren now join the previous two recipients of this prestigious award, being RW Bro Alan van der Vyver (Lodge Prins Frederick) and RW Bro Tommy Hardiman (Lodge Westerford).

I again encourage all our members to participate in this program and earn points for every piece of ritual which you can recite well. The purpose of this programme is not to enable members to accumulate material rewards such as lapel pins and breast jewels, but is rather aimed at attaining Masonic knowledge and gaining experience and confidence. It has been well said that confidence is the ability not to feel the need to compare yourself to others.

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa

The Supreme Grand Chapter is a separate but integral part of our Grand Lodge and during August 2022 I attended the re-opening of Chapter Unie, which had been in recess for a number of years. MEC Alf Bronner was installed as the MEZ and this Chapter will work in Welkom. During September 2022 RW Bro Simon Nash was exalted in Chapter Fidelity and I am delighted that another Provincial Grand Master has become an active Royal Arch member. During October 2022 the postponed

annual convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division were held in the De Goede Hoop Temple in Cape Town, which convocations were attended by several senior Companions from the Supreme Grand Chapters of Gabon and Benin and the District Grand Superintendents of our local Sister Constitutions.

During January 2023 I attended the installation of the new Grand King of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland in my capacity as the First Grand Principal. Several other Supreme Grand Chapters were represented and as many of the First Grand Principals are also the Grand Masters of their Grand Lodges, I was able to discuss several matters of mutual interest with them. As a result of this interaction, we have received more applications for recognition from foreign Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

During April 2023 I consecrated the new Royal Arch Chapter Jeffreys Bay in Jeffreys Bay and MEC Hendrik Rademeyer was installed as the first MEZ. During June 2023 the annual convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Provincial Grand Chapter, Northern Division were held in the Orange Grove Temple in Johannesburg. These convocations were attended by the Deputy First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin and certain senior Companions from the District Grand Chapters of our local Sister Constitutions.

As a result of ill health, the Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division, MEC Brian Masencamp retired and I installed MEC Marius Mostert as the new Grand Superintendent of this Division. Most of the Royal Arch Chapters, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Cryptic Councils are operating well and I again thank all the Companions of the Supreme Grand Chapter for their continued commitment and dedication to this Masonic Order, which enhances every member's Masonic journey.

Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa

Although the Supreme Council is a separate and independent Masonic Order, most of its members are also members of our Grand Lodge and so it is with great pleasure that I again congratulate MP Bro Victor Muhlenbeck 33°, a Past Assistant Grand Master and the Lieutenant Commander of the Supreme Council, on being elected and installed as the new Sovereign Grand Commander during August 2022. This became necessary as a result of the death of MP Bro Boet Du Plessis 33° MA, the Sovereign Grand Commander and a member of Lodge Star of the East.

During May 2023 the Supreme Council held its annual meeting in Durban, which I attended and I again congratulate M III Bro Simon Nash 33° on receiving the award for Outstanding Service to this Supreme Council. MP Bro Muhlenbeck 33° has advised me that all the Chapters and Consistories of the Supreme Council are working well and that the knowledge and the experience which the members of this Order are gaining is enhancing their Masonic journey.

Sister Constitutions

We continue to enjoy a close bond of Masonic fellowship with the members of our local 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.

Special Awards

During the annual meeting of our Grand Lodge in June 2022, I presented Awards of Excellence to the following Brethren:

1. *RW Bro Ernst Brönnner for unselfishly providing his own resources to rebuild the pride and loyalty of the members of the Central Division as the Provincial Grand Master and thereafter ensuring the maintenance thereof in his subsequent position as an Assistant Grand Master so that the principles and tenets of our Order*

and the aim of our Grand Lodge are continuously promoted.

2. *RW Bro Keith Hutton for his leadership, courage and commitment in not only rebuilding the pride and loyalty of the members of the Eastern Cape 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 temple in this Division.*
3. *Wor Bro Matthew “Bushy” McKelvey for his continued exhibition of positivity and courage as a bilateral amputee and for setting an example by again establishing a Guinness World record for the longest distance covered on a motorcycle within a period of 24 hours by an individual.*
4. *Wor Bro Marius Mostert for generously and unselfishly providing transport, refreshment and fun on Lodge visits and thereby building and maintaining an esprit de corps or pride and loyalty amongst the Brethren and so strengthening the bonds of our Brotherhood and the aim of our Grand Lodge.*

I will be presenting certain awards at this year’s annual meeting to deserving Brethren. These awards are mere tokens on my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of them for their continued commitment and dedication to our Grand Lodge. I trust that this will be an inspiration to all our members to emulate their very fine and commendable example.

Last year the Grand Secretary identified Bro Avron Lucas of Lodge De Goede Trouw as the worthy recipient for the Grand Lodge Award of Secretary of the Year. The name of this year’s recipient will be announced at this annual meeting and the floating trophy will be presented to him.

Conclusion

As my term of office comes to an end, I again thank the Great Architect of the Universe for

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 and unconditional love and support during the past year.

To the Grand Master Elect and my successor, RW Bro Godfrey Stuart Place, I wish you the very best of luck and I pray that you will have a most enjoyable and fruitful term of office. I further offer you my assistance and assure you of my support in all your endeavours.

It has been well said that 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 then, 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.

Finally, I thank each and every member of the Grand Lodge for your support during my term of office and I trust that you will continue to strive make the Grand Lodge of South Africa an irresistible home for all Freemasons.

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

ADDRESS BY THE NEWLY INSTALLED GRAND MASTER MW BRO GODFREY STUART PLACE

The world in which we currently live bears no resemblance to the world of 5 or 10 years ago, let alone the time when we were children. As a young adult and then as a parent I argued that I would ensure that there would be no generation gap between myself and my children, only to have to grudgingly admit to how naïve I had been. The reality is that the world is constantly changing, and the rate of change is close to exponential. This is the world in which we as Freemasons live, where many good things of years gone by are being discarded for instantaneous gratification, necessities are replaced by greed, and morality is all but scorned.

We have to ask ourselves if we as an organization has changed accordingly, and why are the traditional institutions struggling for survival in our modern society. Our own membership numbers have steadily declined over the past 15 years, yet the very essence of our Order is good, sound, and relevant, but we have not been able to adapt to the rapid changes in the world around us and as an organization reverse the trend of attrition.

During our Chains conference this year, I posed a question regarding our Order's relevance in society and my question was this: If our Lodges were to cease to exist in the areas in which they operate, would they be missed? As I guessed the answer that came back was NO. A sad

situation indeed, but perhaps we need to ask why, and what we can do to mitigate this negative answer. We as the Grand Lodge of South Africa must be highly visible in society for all the right reasons, and to achieve these sacrifices must be made. Freemasonry must become fun again and this fun element combined with great visibility will surely attract large numbers of the public to want to become involved with us.

As the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world today, we cannot continue to be complacent and think we will continue to survive for hundreds of years to come, purely on our legacy. No, survival means adapting to the constant changes in our world and societies in which we live. Yet for some reason we seem to be incapable of making these changes, just as the example I used earlier about thinking I could bridge the Generation Gap in my family. We simply must bridge this gap. No one can do this for us, only we have the power to do so.

Yes, the World has changed, and yes, it will continue to do so. Society has also changed. Small towns and villages are now shells of their former selves. Urbanization is now the new society, we live in a sprawling mess, where the breakdown of the very fundamentals of common decency, respect of law and order, and more importantly morality is clearly evident.

The world in which Freemasonry was practiced all those years ago has vanished and our challenge for some years now has been to find ways to keep us relevant in society today and that obviously requires change from us, change which we have clearly not brought about quick enough. We cannot continue to do the same things over and over expecting a different outcome. I believe Einstein said that doing so was the first sign of lunacy. We are not lunatics, so let's do things differently, and we can achieve this without destroying the age-old traditions, landmarks, and practices of the Order.

Only we are accountable for our own destiny. Yet we allow outside influences to affect us. Are we not proud to openly admit that we are active Freemasons? How many of us have their own best friends as members of our Lodges? I guess very few. When some members are questioned as to why this is the case, we get the answer that they cannot bring their friends into a shambolic and disorganized Lodge. In other words, these members are ashamed of the very organization to which they belong. They must answer the question, what have they done to change that situation? After all, we agree that we are accountable for our actions and destiny. The Lodge to which we belong is our community. We are fraternal Brothers and therefore collective action as a Lodge will render this argument null and void.

This brings me to the point of planning. Planning is an integral part of how any organisation operates. We must plan because if we fail to plan, we are by default planning to fail.

Our plan is simple: all the great plans and ideas we have garnered over the past few years MUST now be implemented. Every member should know what the plan is, and the direction must be clear. The time for talking is over, and now we must utilize one of the greatest powers on earth, that of compounded action followed through with pig headed discipline and determination to see it through and accomplish our goal.

WB James Liddered told me that Freemasonry must be demonstrable action.

We must demonstrate that we are men of conviction and show we are serious about our intentions. We need to demonstrate to society, that we are making the world we live in a better place for all, not only for ourselves.

At the same time, when formulating new plans, we should strongly pursue a path of consultation to facilitate inclusivity and not impose ill-conceived change on an unwilling audience, yet each of us must be mindful of being caught in the trap of hobbling change for the comfort of familiarity. Freemasonry is not a suit that we put on for Lodge activities, it is a way of life. We should all be excited about this thing we call Freemasonry.

Our wish is to see Freemasonry being a genuine family affair. There are many opportunities for our wives, partners, children to be involved in doing things within our communities and playing a supporting role in the Grand Lodge vision. Imagine the world where our wives are encouraging us to attend our meetings, as they and her new Masonic Friends have charitable things to attend to, and she does not want to miss her meeting, because she will be letting her team down if she is not there. The combined activities of the Brethren and their families all being an integral part of the great plan.

Steve Jobs said: "If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."

John Maxwell says "A great leader's courage to fulfil his vision comes from passion, not position." He also said: "The difference between Ordinary and Extraordinary is just a little bit of extra."

I leave you with an extract from our First-Degree Ritual:

"There is no man who is so devoid of power or opportunity that he cannot do much good in his day and generation. Strive then to know yourself that using aright those talents with which God has blessed you, you may do much good in your day and generation and have little cause to regret work done amiss or opportunities neglected."

Let us all get out there and using our various skills and talents, make a difference and have immense fun in doing so.

MW Bro GS Place

Present and Past Grand Masters present at the AGM and Installation of the Grand Master.



MW BB: GR Edwards OSM,

GS Place.

JEH Smith OSM MSA



Installation of GS Place as Grand Master



Award of OSM to RW Bro B Topham



*Presentation of the Charity Jewel to
Wor Bro Max Matjane.*



*Presentation of an Award of Excellence
to MW Bro GR Edwards OSM*



*Appointment of Assistant Grand Masters.
RW BB: JJ Britz MSA and KJ Hutton OSM*



*Presentation of Secretary of the Year
to Bro L Bergsteedt (Star of Rand).*



*Appointment of Acting Provincial Grand Masters.
Wor BB: R Eyiomen (SD) M de Kock (CD) R Gillmer. (ECD)*

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.
Held on Saturday 15th July 2023
At the Park Lane Temple, Johannesburg.**

1. At 12h30 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 12h40 the Grand Master of Ceremony conducted the Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Master, 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, attended to the placement of the Grand Lodge Officers.
4. The Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA, opened the Grand Lodge in the Apprentice degree.
5. 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 RW Bro. Alan van der Vyver, a Past Assistant Grand Master.

<u>Grand Lodge</u>	<u>Delegation Leader</u>	<u>Accompanied by</u>
Mozambique	RW Bro Tiago Martins (GSWB)	1 Brother
Mauritius	RW Bro Bernard Neuhaus OSM (AGM)	1 Brother
Benin	MW Bro Eustache Kotingan (GM)	4 Brethren
India	RW Bro Madan Mohan Lal (Past GJW)	
Scotland	Bro Julian Apfel (RW District GM)	Several Brethren
Ireland	RW Bro Anthony Bosch (Provincial GM)	Several Brethren
England	RW Bro Chris van Gaalen (District GM)	Several Brethren

6. The Grand Master was then afforded a Salutation of 11, to which he responded.
7. The Grand Master instructed the Grand Master of Ceremony to afford the Past Grand Master, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM, a Salutation of 11. MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM responded to the salute.
8. The Grand Master instructed the Grand Master of Ceremony to afford the visiting Delegations a Salutation of 11. RW Bro Chris van Gaalen (UGLE) responded to the salute.

9. 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 on several occasions and proposed that it be accepted as read. The meeting was declared as being Constitutionally convened.

10. 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.

11. ROLL CALL OF THE LODGES

The Grand Secretary reported that all Lodges were accounted for.

12. ROLL CALL OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

13. APOLOGIES

The Grand Secretary read apologies from the following members:

RW Bro Avron Jacobson MSA
RW Bro Neville Klein OSM
RW Bro John Miller
RW Bro Ronald Smith
RW Bro Piet Naude MSA
RW Bro Frans Roodt
VW Bro Len Kingsley
VW Bro Ini Akpan
VW Bro Dennis Benadie
Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Wor Bro Evangelos Doucas
Wor Bro Dawie van Rooyen
Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren
Wor Bro Andre Botes
Wor Bro Mahmoud Patel
Wor Bro Mike Burchell
Wor Bro Koos du Preez
Wor Bro Rodney Schreuder
Wor Bro Bushy McKelvey

14. OBITUARIES

The Grand Master requested all Brethren to stand and face the East with the sign of reverence. RW Bro T Hardiman and RW Bro F Appelgryn read the preamble. The Grand Secretary read 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:

RW Bro Adam du Plessis	Star of the East	Past Grand Junior Warden
VW Bro Schalk Stapelberg	Star of the East	Past Grand Orator
RW Bro Kenneth Manefeldt	de Goede Trouw	Past Grand Junior Warden
RW Bro Frik Botha	Diamond	Past Provincial Grand Master
Wor Bro Justin Buirski	de Goede Verwachting	Past Grand Architect
RW Bro Hyman Becker	de Goede Verwachting	Past Grand Junior Warden
Wor Bro Emil van As	Libertas	Grand Administrator

15. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GRAND LODGE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE DE GOEDE HOOP TEMPLE ON 25 JUNE 2022

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 J Britz MSA. As all the

Brethren present were in favour, the minutes were confirmed as correct and the original was then duly signed by the Grand Master.

16. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

17. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER 2022 - 2023

The Grand Master informed the meeting that his annual report had been circulated several 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 then seconded by RW Bro G Place and was unanimously accepted.

18. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Grand Treasurer, VW Bro R Coenen, advised that the financial report had also been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. He referred to certain items in the reviewed Financial Statements for 2022 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 Master thanked the Grand Treasurer for the report. The Grand Secretary reported that he had circulated a ballot paper to all members qualified to vote and that, other than 2 abstentions, the result was 100% in favour from those who had exercised their vote. RW Bro S Nash and RW Bro T Hardiman were the scrutineers and they confirmed the result.

19. CAPITATION FEES FOR 2023

The Grand Treasurer had proposed that the Grand Lodge Capitation Fee for 2024 be R1,350.00 per ordinary member and R850,00 for members who are 70 years or older. The Grand Secretary advised that this had been included in the online ballot and that, other than 2 abstentions, the result was 100% in favour from those who had exercised their vote. The appointed scrutineers again confirmed this result.

20. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER

The Grand Treasurer proposed that we re-appoint BDT Incorporated as the Grand Lodge Reviewer. This was seconded by RW Bro A van der Vyver and unanimously carried.

21. 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 amendments to the Constitution. The amendments proposed had been circulated to all of our members well in advance of the meeting. There had been no objections raised and the proposed changes were therefore included as part of the online ballot. Once again, other than 2 abstentions, the result was 100% in favour from those who had exercised their vote and the appointed scrutineers again confirmed this result. The Grand Secretary will update the Constitution and Laws accordingly.

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 Master of Ceremony	VW Bro Andre Germishuys (SD)
Past Grand Architect	Wor Bro Theoniel Pieterse (CD)
Past Grand Architect	Wor Bro Gerald Bosch (ND)
Past Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro Frank Begot (SD)
Past Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro Paul Nash (ND)
Past Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro John Weigelt (ND)

23. ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE GRAND MASTER

- 23.1 The Grand Master presented Grand Lodge Charity Jewels to RW Bro A Brønner and to Wor Bro M Matjane. Both had played an outstanding role in enhancing the Masonic journey of the Brethren in their Divisions and Lodges by rendering financial assistance to Brethren in need and the recognition was extremely well deserved.
- 23.2 The Grand Master presented the newly introduced “Balanced Lodge” trophy to the Brethren of Lodge Jeffreys Bay and complimented them on their outstanding performance.
- 23.3 The Grand Master announced that the first winner of the newly introduced trophy for the “Best Installation Address” was Wor Bro Wikus Steyl, an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Northern Division. As Wor Bro Steyl was unable to be present, the trophy will be presented to him at the first opportunity,
- 23.4 The Grand Master presented an “Award of Excellence” certificate to MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM in recognition of his “outstanding and excellent contribution to the GLSA by performing his duties as the Grand Secretary with extraordinary zeal, commitment and devotion during the past six years”.

24. AWARD FOR BEST SECRETARY OF THE YEAR FOR 2022 - 2023

The Grand Secretary advised that he had considered 3 Brethren for this award and had been suitably impressed by all of them. Wor Bro Ike Ezeuduji and Wor Bro Francois Dauth were a credit to their Lodges. The winner, however, was Bro Leroyd Bergsteedt who was the Secretary of Lodge Star of the Rand and Lodge Vereeniging. His work was of an extremely high standard and his Masonic commitment and conduct was exemplary.

25 AWARD OF ORDER OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY (OSM)

The Grand Master presented this award to RW Bro B Topham after outlining his exceptional Masonic contributions and commented that, while an OSM is only awarded in special circumstances, RW Bro Topham had more than earned this highly prestigious distinction. His Masonic contributions and conduct were more than impressive and the Grand Master was delighted to be able to recognise this.

26. DISINVESTMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

As his term as Grand Master was now reaching an end, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA disinvested all the Commissioned Officers who had served under him and some of whom were being reappointed by the new Grand Master.

27 INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Assisted by the present Grand Lodge Officers, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA installed RW Bro G Place as the next Grand Master.

The Escort of Honour comprised MW Bro G Edwards OSM (Presenting Officer), RW Bro B Topham OSM, RW Bro A van der Vyver, RW Bro V Mühlenbeck, RW Bro A Brönner, RW Bro C van Gaalen (UGLE), RW Bro A Bosch (Ireland), Bro J Apfel (Scotland) and VW Bro R Coenen (Regalia Bearer).

RW Bro B Topham OSM reported on the result of the Grand Conclave, RW Bro A van der Vyver presented the Grand Master's ceremonial sword, RW Bro J Brits MSA presented the Grand Lodge's banner, MW Bro G Edwards OSM read the Letters Patent and performed the Proclamation.

Having been installed as the Grand Master, MW Bro G Place read his inaugural address, which was well received and is included herein.

28 OBLIGATION AND INVESTITURE OF THE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

MW Bro Godfrey Place obligated and invested the following Grand Lodge Commissioned Officers.

Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro Tommy Hardiman
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro Johan Britz MSA
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro Keith Hutton OSM
Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division)	RW Bro Simon Nash
Provincial Grand Master (Eastern Division)	RW Bro Johan van der Merwe

The following Brethren were obligated as Acting Provincial Grand Masters, which appointments will be reviewed prior to their respective Divisions' next Annual General Meeting.

Southern Division	Wor Bro Raymond Eyiomen
Central Division	Wor Bro Marcel de Kock
Eastern Cape Division	Wor Bro Ricardo Gillmer

29. OBLIGATION AND INVESTITURE OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2023 – 2024

The Grand Master 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 Ronald Smith
Grand Senior Warden	*	RW Bro Rex Ingle
Grand Junior Warden	*	RW Bro Charles Montgomery
Grand Junior Warden	*	RW Bro Reuven Coenen
Grand Orator		VW Bro Lenard Kingsley
Grand Orator	*	VW Bro Frederick Meiring
Grand Orator	*	VW Bro Demos Markantonis
Grand Secretary	*	MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM
Grand Treasurer	*	RW Bro Brandon Topham OSM
Grand Master of Ceremony		VW Bro Ini Akpan

Grand Master of Ceremony	*	VW Bro Louis van der Linde
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony		Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	*	Wor Bro Achille Katumbay
Grand First Preparator	*	Wor Bro Machiel Britz
Grand Almoner	*	VW Bro Andre Germishuys
Grand Ambassador		Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren
Grand Inspector	*	Wor Bro Marius Terblanche
Grand Architect		Wor Bro Andre Botes
Grand Architect		Wor Bro Mahmoud Patel
Grand Sword Bearer		Wor Bro Michael Burchell
Grand Sword Bearer	*	Wor Bro Ettienne Kotze
Grand Banner Bearer		Wor Bro Koos du Preez
Grand Preceptor	*	RW Bro Alan van der Vyver

The Grand Lodge Officers present were addressed by the Grand Master whereafter RW Bro T Hardiman obligated them and he and RW Bro K Hutton OSM invested them.

30. FRATERNAL GREETINGS

The Grand Master thanked the Immediate Past Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers who had participated in his installation ceremony.

The Grand Master thanked the senior representatives of the visiting Grand Lodges for supporting our annual meeting and for attending his installation. The Grand Master was individually thanked by such representatives and presented with certain gifts.

The Grand Master thanked all the other Brethren for their attendance.

29. COLLECTION FOR BENEVOLENCE

A collection for benevolence raised the sum of R3,512.70.

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. Various group and other photographs were taken.

Report of the Grand Treasurer for Masonic year ending 31st December 2023.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren all, the Grand Lodge of South Africa operates within the legal entity of a non-profit company. The non-profit company ('NPC') was established to facilitate the operations of our Ancient Craft within the laws of the modern country which we live in. This was done primarily for tax compliance purposes but also because we saw that banks were losing the

ability to understand, and have business relationships with, voluntary associations. With the ongoing increase in FICA related regulations requirements for one, this decision has proved to be essential to our operations.

The NPC operates various units each with their own general ledgers which are all consolidated into one entity - that of the Grand Lodge of South Africa Freemasons NPC. This

consolidation includes all our craft lodges operating under the Grand Lodge of South Africa, all Royal Arch Chapters, all Divisions of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge itself.

The consolidated results of all these operations are independently reviewed by an external auditor; this is still work in process for the 2022 financial year. The audited consolidated results, when signed off, are then submitted to the South African Revenue authorities in terms of our obligations to maintain our Public Benefit organization status and in order to comply with the South African Income Tax Act. The consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the directors of the NPC and they are accountable to the various authorities for their correctness.

As the consolidation includes in excess of 50 operating entities the consolidated picture is complex but in no way reflects the management decisions which we need to take at the various operating levels of our craft masonry. In the past we have only accounted for the operations of the Grand Lodge and excluded the consolidated picture of all the lodges operating on our roll. I am thus going to limit my brief report also to only the operations of what we traditionally refer to as that of the Grand Lodge. Members present must however not forget that Grand Lodge legally in fact refers to every lodge and Royal Arch chapter. Thus, any lodge which fails to keep proper records or a lodge that maintains operations outside of the official records, places the accuracy of our legal reporting and our status and credibility as an organization in jeopardy.

Each year, Grand Lodge prepares a budget with the aim to break even. In other words, to use our capitation fees and other income to cover the costs of our annual operations and allowing for a small margin of growth. I am pleased to report that we managed to almost break even with an operating deficit of only R39 275. The cost of international travel is constantly increasing and as a Grand Lodge we manage the number of overseas visits of our Grand Master to what we can afford, but this cost is still a significant portion of our operating costs each year. In addition, our Grandview administration is also US \$ linked and costs us R36 000 a year. The largest cost last year were the costs relating to

our 250-year celebrations which included hosting foreign visitors and the production of the heritage book which costs will be recovered in part in the years to come by further unsold copies. The cost of the 250-year activities was just over R300 000.

Currently the reserves of the Grand Lodge, excluding all other lodges, amounts to an amount of just under R3 million. Of this, R1 million is liquid assets while the balance is made up of amounts owing by lodges and the value of immovable property at very historic cost values.

I am satisfied that the Grand Lodge remains liquid and in a financially sound position but must stress that the cost of operating a Grand Lodge in an international environment with growing expectations and requirements to visit is ever increasing. Additionally, despite being a voluntary organisation, the continued need to provide professionalised services to assist lodges to operate freemasonry and not just do admin, is essential for the growth of freemasonry. Complying with the compliance, taxation and reporting requirements will continue to require the funding of salaried employees within the Grand Lodge in order to facilitate its continuity.

In the year ahead, continued attention will be given to ensure that all lodge investments and properties are transferred into the NPC's name. This will also ensure there are no Capital Gains Tax implications in the future and the zero rating of rates and taxes bills for the lodges concerned. I urge lodges to assist Grand Lodge in getting these processes and transfers finalized. Funding of Social Media content and promotions will also require additional resources to be deployed. Of course, the Grand Lodge of South Africa will be hosting the 20th World Conference of Grand Lodges in 2026.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I table this financial report and propose its adoption at this meeting.

I further propose that the existing independent reviewers, BDT Incorporated, be once again engaged to independently review our financial statements. **VW Bro Reuven Coenen. Grand Treasurer**

Report on the 18th World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges.

My wife and I attended this conference, which was held at the Ramada hotel in Jerusalem, where most of the delegates stayed. We were accompanied by RW Bro Brandon Topham and Wor Bro Frank Begot and their wives and I thank them again most sincerely for their company, support and encouragement. The conference commenced with an informal meet and greet cocktail party on Sunday evening, 7 May 2023 around the outdoor swimming pool. A large number of persons attended the cocktail party as many of the delegates were accompanied by their wives and partners.

On Monday, 8 May the conference opened with a short pre-recorded and very positive video message from the President of the State of Israel. This was followed by addresses by the Mayor of Jerusalem and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Israel, MW Bro Ilan Segev. The lectures which followed were restricted to 20 minutes each with 10 minutes for questions and the first session included topics on the history of Freemasonry in Israel and King Solomon's Temple. The planned formal lodge meeting in Zedekiah's cave on Monday afternoon could unfortunately not be held as a result of recent rock falls so it was held in the conference room of the hotel, which was hosted by the Holy Land lodge.

The presiding master of this Lodge is Wor Bro Michael Salem, an ex-South African and the son of MEC Joseph Salem, the District Grand Superintendent of the Netherlandic Royal Arch District of Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), who was the presiding officer at the consecration of our Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1969. The ladies and partners had a free morning to explore Jerusalem and many went to the Holocaust Museum. In the afternoon they were taken on a culinary tour, which was much enjoyed.

On Tuesday, 9 May I presented a lecture titled *The concept of Amity and its impact on the formation of the GLSA*. This was well received and was followed by lectures dealing with Customary and common laws of Freemasonry, Masonic identification, Regular and irregular Grand Lodges, the Ethics of Freemasonry and Inter-communication between regular Grand Lodges. The ladies and partners were again free to explore Jerusalem in the morning and many

went to the markets in the Old City. That afternoon the delegates and their wives and partners were taken on a bus tour through Jerusalem and shown the highlights, which included the Parliament buildings and the Mount of Olives. That evening we all attended a spectacular and much enjoyed outdoor light and sound show in the City of David, which is situated just inside the Jaffa Gate of the Old City and explains the story of Jerusalem from the time of Canaan in about 3300 BCE to the formation of the State of Israel in 1948.

On Wednesday, 10 May the topics included lectures on whether Masonic principles can or should become the basis of Ethics in the future, Freemasonry in the second quarter of this century, Freemasonry's contributions and solutions to current challenges, the universality of Freemasonry and a very interesting and well-presented lecture by the Grand Master of the Grand East of the Netherlands, MW Bro Leonard Jonkers, titled *Freemasonry - staying relevant for the future*.

After lunch, the Conference Committee which was chaired by three Grand Masters being from Germany (the previous host of the World Conference), Israel (the present host) and Parana, Brazil (the next host) held its "Board of Management Meeting". Certain amendments to the Conference Rules were proposed, explained and voted on. As the World Conference is held every 18 months on a different Continent, the new schedule of locations for the Conference was also agreed upon, being:

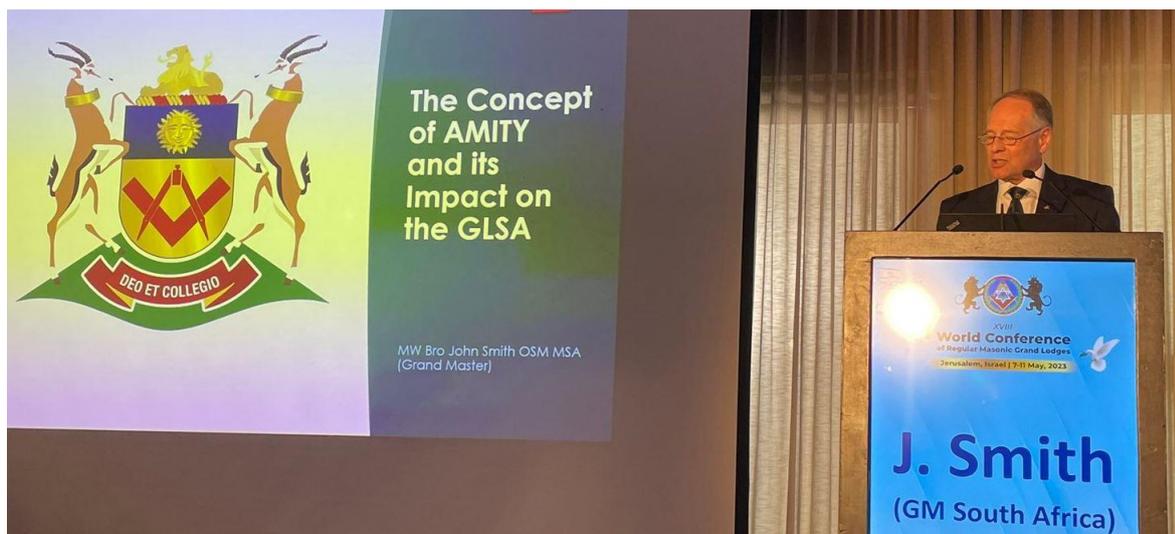
- November 2024– South America
- May 2026 - Africa
- November 2027- North America
- May 2029 - Europe & British Isles
- November 2030- Asia
- May 2032 - Central America
- November 2033- Oceania

As the 17th World Conference in Germany in 2021 had voted that the Grand Orient of Parana in Brazil would host the next (the 19th) Conference in November 2024, the Chairman enquired whether there was any Grand Lodge in Africa who was prepared to host the 20th World Conference. I informed the meeting that our Grand Lodge has the support of most, if not all, the Grand Lodges in Africa to apply to host

this conference and that I would like to submit an audio – visual presentation in support thereof. As there were no other applicants from Africa our video, which had been prepared by RW Bro Brandon Topham, RW Bro Avron Jacobson MSA and Bro Manny de Freitas, was then screened. It is an excellent presentation of South Africa and the vote thereafter was unanimous that the Grand Lodge of South Africa will host the 20th World Conference in Cape Town during May 2026.

The gala dinner that evening in the ballroom of the Ramada hotel and which marked the end of the conference, was attended by about 500 persons. The catering and the music entertainment were excellent and although there was no formal toast to the visitors, I was asked to speak on behalf of the visitors, which appeared to be well received.

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



MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA presenting the lecture on the Concept of Amity at the World Conference of Grand Lodges in Jerusalem in May 2023.



Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Malta, Netherlands, India, Italy, France and Germany with MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA

Grand Masters of Grand Lodges in Brazil with MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA



*MW Bro Anish Sharma OSM,
Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of India*

*MW Bro Daniel Ganon
Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Western Australia*



*From West to East: MW Bro Richard Kessler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York and
MW Bro Anish Sharma OSM, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India with
MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA*

Grand Lodge Officers 2023/2024.

Office	Rank	Initials	Surname	Forename
Grand Master	MW Bro	GS	Place	Godfrey
Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro	TW	Hardiman	Tommy
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro	JJ	Britz MSA	Johan
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro	KJ	Hutton OSM	Keith
Provincial Grand Master - ND	RW Bro	SP	Nash	Simon
Provincial Grand Master - ED	RW Bro	J	van der Merwe	Johan
Acting Provincial Grand Master - SD	Wor Bro	RY	Eyiomen	Raymond
Acting Provincial Grand Master - CD	Wor Bro	M	de Kock	Marcel
Acting Provincial Grand Master - ECD	Wor Bro	R	Gillmer	Ricardo
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro	RT	Smith	Ronald
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro	JT	Miller	John
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro	RSO	Ingle	Rex
Grand Junior Warden	RW Bro	CF	Montgomery	Monty
Grand Junior Warden	RW Bro	R	Coenen	Reuven
Grand Secretary	MW Bro	GR	Edwards OSM	Geoff
Grand Treasurer	RW Bro	BR	Topham OSM	Brandon
Grand Orator	VW Bro	LC	Kingsley	Len
Grand Orator	VW Bro	FH	Meiring	Fred
Grand Orator	VW Bro	DJ	Markantonis	Demos
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro	LB	van der Linde	Louis
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro	I	Akpan	Ini
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	M	Hiles	Mark
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	A	Katumbay	Achille
Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro	ML	Britz	Mike
Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	A	Germishuys	Andre
Grand Inspector	Wor Bro	MJ	Terblanche	Marius
Grand Inspector	Wor Bro	NP	van Vuuren	Nowellyn
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	A	Botes	Andre
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	M	Patel	Mahmoud
Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	MA	Burchell	Mike
Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	E	Kotze	Ettienne
Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	JP	du Preez	Koos
Grand Preceptor	RW Bro	AV	van der Vyver	Alan

Grand Committee Members 2023/2024.

MW Bro Place	GS	Grand Master	grandmaster@grandlodge.co.za
MW Bro Edwards OSM	GR	Past Grand Master	
MW Bro Duncan OSM	DJ	Past Grand Master	
MW Bro Smith OSM, MSA	JEH	Past Grand Master	
RW Bro Hardiman	TW	Deputy Grand Master	deputygm@grandlodge.co.za
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RW Bro Hutton OSM	KJ	Assistant Grand Master	khutton@alphaomega.co.za
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RW Bro Nash	SP	Provincial Grand Master. Northern Division	pgmnd@grandlodge.co.za
Wor Bro de Kock	M	Acting Provincial Grand Master. Central Division	pgmcd@grandlodge.co.za
RW Bro van der Merwe	J	Provincial Grand Master. Eastern Division	pgmed@grandlodge.co.za
Wor Bro Gillmer	R	Acting Provincial Grand Master. Cape Division	pgmecd@grandlodge.co.za
RW Bro Smith	RT	Grand Senior Warden	ronnideshowouse@gmail.com
RW Bro Miller	JT	Grand Senior Warden	penpals1@gmail.com
RW Bro Ingle	RSO	Grand Senior Warden	ingelnook@webmail.co.za
RW Bro Montgomery	CF	Grand Junior Warden	gti@iway.na
RW Bro Coenen	R	Grand Junior Warden	reuven.coenen@gmail.com
MW Bro Edwards OSM	GR	Grand Secretary	secretary@grandlodge.co.za
RW Bro Topham OSM	BT	Grand Treasurer	treasurer@grandlodge.co.za

Grand Lodge Committees (2023 – 2024)

<u>STANDING COMMITTEES</u>	
<u>Art 86.1.1.- CONSTITUTIONAL, REGULATIONS AND REGALIA</u>	
MW Bro Godfrey Place (Chairman)	
RW Bro B Topham OSM	Wor Bro W Steyl
RW Bro A van der Vyver	Wor Bro H Selzer
<u>Art 86.1.2.- RITUAL</u>	
RW Bro J Britz MSA (Chairman)	
RW Bro K Hutton OSM	RW Bro B De Kok
Wor Bro D Benadie	RW Bro R Smith
<u>Art 86.1.3.- FOREIGN RELATIONS</u>	
MW Bro J Smith OSM MSA(Chairman)	
MW Bro D Duncan OSM	RW Bro B Topham OSM
MW Bro G Edwards OSM	Wor Bro F Begot

<u>Art 86.1.4.- FINANCE & BENEVOLENCE</u>	
RW Bro A van der Vyver(Chairman)	
RW Bro B Topham OSM – Grand Treasurer	RW Bro R Coenen
RW Bro J van der Merwe	RW Bro R Ingle
<u>Art 86.1.5.1 -2026 WORLD CONFERENCE</u>	
MW Bro J Smith OSM MSA (Chairman)	MW Bro G Place
As per Conference rules (Sister Grand Lodges) and local working group.	
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Secretarial	MW Bro G Edwards OSM. Grand Secretary
Book of Life	MW Bro G Edwards OSM
Administration	Mrs B Hall
	M Pardon (Orange Grove)
Grandview	RW Bro A Jacobson, MSA Technical Liaison
<u>GL Website and Media and Public Relations</u>	
RW Bro S Nash (Chairman)	
RW Bro T Hardiman	Wor Bro J Maritz
<u>BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY PROGRAMME</u>	
RW Bro K Hutton OSM – Chairman	PG Masters
<u>MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMME</u>	
RW Bro J Britz MSA (Chairman)	PG Masters
RW Bro T Hardiman	RW Bro A Bronner
RW Bro T Hardiman Sub Committee with PGMs on GM’s Targets	
<u>MENTORSHIP & EDUCATION PROGRAMME</u>	
RW Bro S Nash (Chairman)	
RW Bro T Hardiman	PGMs, DPGMs and APGMs
<u>HERITAGE PROGRAMME</u>	
RW Bro R Ingle (Chairman)	
RW Bro B Rossouw OSM	PG Masters
Wor Bro J Wolfaardt	PG Secretaries
<u>BALANCED LODGE PROGRAM</u>	
RW Bro R Coenen (Chairman)	PG Masters
<u>RITUAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM</u>	
RW Bro J Britz MSA (Chairman)	DPGMs
RW Bro A van der Vyver	RW Bro T Hardiman

ORDER OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY (OSM) ORDE VAN DIENS AAN VREEMESSELARY (OVV)

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 tydskop

	Name of Recipient / Ontvanger		Rank Received / Rang Ontvang
*	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
	Topham BT	2023	Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester

* Deceased / Oorlede.

Past Grand Masters / Oud Grootmeesters



MW Bro CG Botha OSM
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



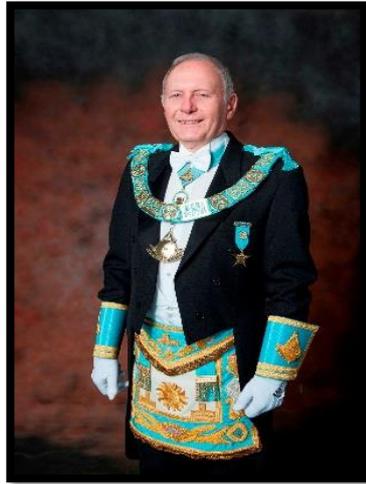
MW Bro JT Bowen OSM
2003 to 2008



MW Bro A Watson OSM
2008 to 2014



MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
2014 to 2017



MW Bro DJ Duncan OSM
2017 to 2020



MW Bro JEH Smith OSM MSA
2020 to 2023

Grand Lodge Rank Served.

Oud Grootmeester / Past Grand Master							
*	Bauser	RS	OSM	*	Gasson	SR	OSM MSA
*	Botha	CG		*	Groenewald	CB	OSM
*	Bowen	JT	OSM	*	Lindeque	BG	OSM
*	Conradie	E	OSM	*	Smith	JEH	OSM MSA
	Duncan	DJ	OSM	*	Watson	A	OSM
	Edwards	GR	OSM				
Oud Adjunk Grootmeester / Past Deputy Grand Master							
*	Alexander	AAR	OSM	*	Sandler	NS	
*	de Wet	CH		*	Snyman	WC	
*	Jacot-Guilarmod	MH	OSM	*	Strauss	JJ	
*	Louw	MC	OSM		Topham	BR	OSM
*	Pepler	H					
Oud Assistant Grootmeester / Past Assistant Grand Master							
*	Bosman	HL		*	Hamilton	CG	OSM
*	Brits	PRJM		*	Hancke	le R	OSM
	Bronner	AE			Hinrichs	RC	
*	Burnard	FH			Jacobson	AI	MSA
	Coetzee	FP	OSM		Karstens	GS	
*	Cohen	HW		*	Levin	M	OSM MSA
*	Daleboudt	HM	OSM		Mühlenbeck	V	
*	Feintuch	M	OSM	*	Schuitemaker	GLN	OSM
*	Ferreira	PH			van der Vyver	AV	
*	Greenwood	TW	OSM	*	van Niekerk	A	OSM MSA
*	Haarburger	H	OSM				

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

Oud Groot Eerste Opsiner / Past Grand Senior Warden							
*	Bain	WJ			Newman	J	
*	Barnard	CW		*	Penberthy	CP	
	Britz	JJ		*	Phillips	L	
*	Clark	GAL		*	Rademan	S	
*	Cohen	H		*	Ramos	MF	
*	Croxford	LH		*	Reeler	JE	
*	de Bruto	JH		*	Rive	FJM	
*	du Bruyn	IL			Rozen	M	
*	Glenton	HG		*	Shubitz	ID	
*	Gobetz	JM			Smith	RT	
*	Greeff	PA		*	Spalding	DH	
*	Janse van Rensburg	PJ		*	Staal	FB	
*	Katz	PP		*	van der Merwe	RF	
	Klein	N	OSM		Viljoen	HDG	
*	Maas	DA		*	Werner	CJ	
	Markantonis	J			Willemse	CJ	
*	Menego	BR		*	Willis	PL	
*	Meyers	RS			Rossouw	BTA	OSM
	Neuhaus	BL					

Oud Groot Tweede Opsiner / Past Grand Junior Warden						
*	Bronkhorst	CW		*	Lacey	EM
	Calvet	N		*	Lifson	JA
*	Cutler	G			Lötter	MJ
*	du Plessis	AB			Newby-Fraser	SK
*	Gilbert	E		*	Steytler	H duP
*	Goudie	AM		*	Todd	SCH
*	Henschel	PA		*	van der Merwe	PJ

*	Kaplan	P		*	Visser	WJ	
	Kloppers	SP		*	Whittaker	JW	

Oud Groot Redenaar / Past Grand Orator

*	Awe	AE		*	Lawley	HR	
*	Becker	HL		*	Manefeldt	K	
*	Burton	EG	OSM	*	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
	du Plessis	P		*	van Eeden	PA	
*	Gould	L		*	van Zyl	WJ	
*	Griesbach	RJG		*	Vincent	T	
*	Johnson	BC		*	Vos	WG	

Oud Groot Penningmeester / Past Grand Treasurer

*	Braude	JH		*	Salakoff	WM	
*	Nosworthy	SA			Werner	MJO	
*	Sacks	CM					

Oud Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremonies

*	Cahill	ER			Gillwald	FN	
*	Crofton	S			MacIntosh	GA	
	Ellman	P		*	Olpin	PM	
*	Fourie	GP		*	Whiting	CW	
	Futter	G		*	Wilner	S	
*	Kotze	M					

Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies

*	Daniels	CRJ		*	Kaestner	LH	
*	Ahrens	HW		*	Kleinans	TD	
*	Bergman	P		*	Lewin	D	
	Benadie	DD		*	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	

Oud Groot Eerste Geleier / Past Grand First Preparator

*	Allan	IR		*	Longhurst	WT	
*	Cross	GH		*	Moroukian	CL	

	Doucas	E			Steyn	JF	
*	Eastham	CT		*	Supra	R	
*	Franken	P			Schreuder	RW	
*	Keane Murphy	IAL					

Oud Groot Almoesnier / 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		*	Powell	B	
*	Briscoe	WJB			Sher	L	
	Jorritsma	J		*	Smith	JAR	
	Kerk	JRB			Spies	JJ	
*	Labuschagne	PWJ			Van Rooyen	DJ	
*	Posthumus	CJ					

Oud Groot Inspekteur / Past Grand Inspector

	Becker	N		*	Lokker	BJ	
	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		*	Geisler	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

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

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

Grand Lodge Rank Conferred 2023

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 Opsiener / Past Grand Senior Warden conferred							
*	Bergman	P		*	Moore	C	
*	Gorvalla	PI			Naude	PJ	MSA
*	Griesler	RA		*	Nel	JP	
*	Henschel	PA		*	Sacks	CM	
*	Knoetze	FG			Slabbert	CL	
*	Kroukamp	JJ	MSA	*	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	*	Pistorius	FWT	
*	Burton	EG	OSM	*	Prentzler	W	
*	Cahill	EA		*	Raymond	RS	
*	Crofton	S			Smit	HPJJ	
*	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	*	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	
*	du Plessis	H		*	Raymond	S	
*	Jordaan	PJ			Schroder	PJ	
	Kantor	W		*	Selobiwitz	MW	
*	Lewis	N	MSA	*	Stam	JJ	
*	Linde	JJ		*	Swanepoel	EA	
*	Louis	L		*	Whiting	CW	

Oud Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremonies Conferred

*	Allan	IR			Hirson	P	
*	Bell	EA			Jordaan	R	
*	Bell	IM		*	Kaestner	LH	
*	Bergh	WJA		*	McNamara	CM	
*	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	
	Germishuys	A		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Gilson	WJA		*	Scott	de B	
*	Gray	W			Smith	JAF	
*	Greenman	SR			Spies	BDP	
	Grobbelaar	A			Strydom	SP	
*	Gross	G			van der Merwe	J	

*	Haasbroek	J		*	Vermaak	J	
	Hattingh	C		*	Wethmar	HA	
*	Henning	FJT					
Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies Conferred							
*	Borrowman	D		*	Shields	SET	
*	Klempner	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			Nothnagel	GC	
	Bosch	G			Pieterse	T	
*	Brink	W		*	Ressell	I	

*	Buirski	J			Rudman	L	
	Coe	CJG		*	Scheepers	JM	
	de Kock	M			Smit	AJ	
*	du Toit	DE			Smit	DS	
	Engelbrecht	A			van den Berg	SL	
	Fourie	A			van der Velden	JD	
	Futter	GM			van Loggerenberg	CJM	
	Gouws	P			van Vuuren	NP	
	Katumbay	A			Venter	JSC	
	Mathysen	JJ			Vosloo	DJ	
	McKelvey	M		*	Weir	A	
*	Mouton	C		*	Wentzel	R	
	Mulder	S			White	KMP	
	Murphy	W			Wilson	JP	
	NduBuisi	A					
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	
	Begot	F		*	Levin	RS	
*	Butters	CT		*	Mizon	A	
	Coetzee	P		*	Nash	P	
	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			Weigelt	JF	
	Kaganson	S			Whale	RAB	
*	Kaplan	A		*	Wilson		
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					

Sister Grand Lodges in amity and Grand Lodge representative.

Region	Grand Lodge	Founded	Representative
United Kingdom	England	1717	GS Place
United Kingdom	Ireland	1725	JEH Smith OSM MSA
United Kingdom	Scotland	1736	DJ Duncan OSM
Africa	Benin	1995	GR Edwards OSM
Africa	Burkina Faso	1977	Akpan I

Africa	Cameroon	2001	Akpan I
Africa	Congo (Brazzaville)	2000	FPC Coetzee OSM
Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	1989	Akpan I
Africa	Djibouti	2000	DJ Duncan OSM
Africa	Gabon	1981	FPC Coetzee OSM
Africa	Ghana	2009	DJ Duncan OSM
Africa	Guinea (Grand Lodge Nationale)	1998	DJ Duncan OSM
Africa	Liberia	1867	KS Hutton OSM
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	DJ Duncan OSM
Africa	Nigeria	2012	Akpan I
Africa	Senegal	1993	Akpan I
Africa	Togo (Grande Loge Nationale)	1992	DJ Duncan OSM
Asia	China	1949	Appelgryn F
Asia	India	1961	Muhlenbeck FMV
Asia	Iran (in exile)	1969	BR Topham OSM
Asia	Israel	1953	A Jacobson MSA
Asia	Japan	1957	Appelgryn F
Asia	Lebanon	2018	DJ Duncan OSM
Asia	Philippines	1912	Hardiman TW
Asia	Russia (Grand Lodge)	1995	DJ Duncan OSM
Asia	Turkey	1909	KS Hutton OSM
Australasia	New South Wales & ACT	1888	DJ Duncan OSM
Australasia	New Zealand	1890	BR Topham OSM
Australasia	Queensland	1921	de Kock BJ
Australasia	S Australia & N Territories	1884	GR Edwards OSM
Australasia	Tasmania	1890	Ingle RSO
Australasia	Victoria	1889	Ingle RSO
Australasia	Western Australia	1900	FPC Coetzee OSM
Canada	Alberta	1905	Place GS
Canada	British Columbia & Yukon	1871	Place GS
Canada	GL Canada - Prov of Ontario	1852	AI Jacobson MSA
Canada	Manitoba	1875	DJ Duncan 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	DJ Duncan OSM
Canada	Saskatchewan	1906	Place GS
Europe	Andora	2000	Markantonis J
Europe	Austria	1918	DJ Duncan OSM
Europe	Belgium (Regular Grand Lodge)	1833	Bronner EA
Europe	Bulgaria (United Grand Lodge)	2001	KS Hutton OSM
Europe	Cyprus	2006	Markantonis D
Europe	Czech Republic (Grand Lodge)	1923	Montgomery CF
Europe	Denmark	1743	DJ Duncan OSM
Europe	Estonia (Grand Lodge)	1999	Kotze M
Europe	Finland	1924	Kotze M
Europe	France (GLNF)	1913	JEH Smith OSM MSA
Europe	Georgia (United Grand Lodge)	2018	BR Topham OSM
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	Doucass E
Europe	Lithuania	2002	DJ Duncan OSM
Europe	Luxemburg	1803	Hardiman TW
Europe	Malta (Sovereign Grand Lodge)	2004	JJ Britz MSA
Europe	Netherlands (Grand East)	1756	JEH Smith 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	GR Edwards OSM
Europe	Romania (National Grand Lodge)	1993	Bronner EA
Europe	San Marino (Most Serene Republic)	2003	JJ Britz MSA
Europe	Serbia (Regular Grand Lodge)	1919	BTA Rossouw OSM
Europe	Spain	1982	N Klein OSM
Europe	Switzerland (GL Alpina)	1844	AI Jacobson 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	AI Jacobson MSA
North America	Mexico (York Grand Lodge.)	1862	Burchell MA
North America	Puerto Rico (Gran Logia Soberana)	1898	Botes A
South America	Argentina	1857	GR Edwards OSM
South America	Bolivia	1929	N Klein OSM
South America	Brazil (Grand Orient)	1822	DJ Duncan 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	DJ Duncan OSM
South America	Ecuador (Grand Lodge)	1921	JJ Britz MSA
South America	Mato Grosso (Estado de)	1972	DJ Duncan OSM
South America	Peru	1882	Roos P
South America	Rio de Janeiro (Grand Lodge, Maconica)	1927	AI Jacobson MSA
South America	Sao Paulo (Grand Lodge. Maconica)	1927	van der Merwe J
South America	Uruguay	1856	Mourokian C
South America	Venezuela	1824	Mourokian C
United States of America	Alabama	1824	GR Edwards OSM
United States of America	Alaska	1981	N Klein OSM
United States of America	Arizona	1882	DJ Duncan OSM
United States of America	Arkansas	1838	Bronner EA
United States of America	California	1850	Hardiman TW
United States of America	Colorado	1861	KS Hutton OSM
United States of America	Connecticut	1789	GR Edwards OSM
United States of America	Connecticut - Prince Hall	1873	DJ Duncan 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	DJ Duncan 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	DJ Duncan OSM
United States of America	Michigan	1826	DJ Duncan OSM
United States of America	Minnesota	1853	FPC Coetzee OSM
United States of America	Mississippi	1818	Rhoodie 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	DJ Duncan 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	JEH Smith 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	BR Topham OSM
United States of America	Pennsylvania	1731	GR Edwards OSM
United States of America	Rhode Island & Providence	1791	DJ Duncan 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	DJ Duncan OSM
United States of America	Virginia	1778	Appelgryn F
United States of America	Washington	1778	N Klein OSM
United States of America	Washington (DC)	1811	DJ Duncan OSM
United States of America	West Virginia	1865	BTA Rossouw OSM
United States of America	Wisconsin	1843	Ingle RSO
United States of America	Wyoming	1874	** No exchange **

Sixty year Masonic Service Jewel.

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

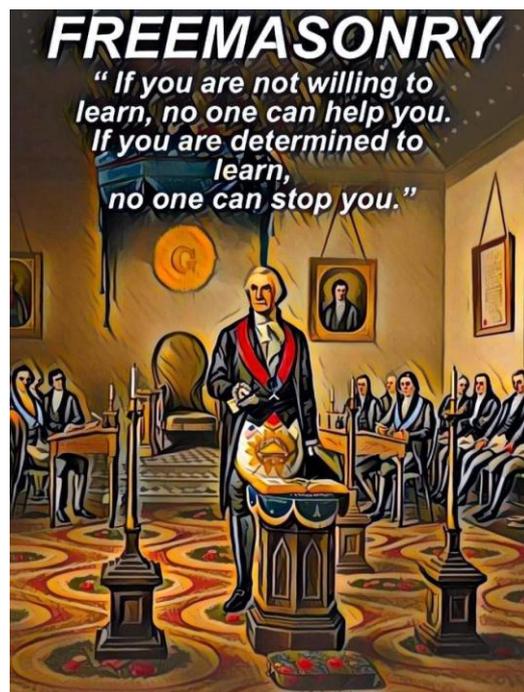
Fifty year Masonic Service Jewel.

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 Hoop	1
*	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
*	Germysuizen	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
	Meeuwesen	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
	Naude	PJ	MSA/ODV	Trchardt	106
*	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
	Wood	JL		Marina	25
*	Zaayman	V		Marina	25



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Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistant Provinciale Grootmeester.



Wor Bro F BEGOT



Wor Bro ML GESSLER

Annual report of the Retiring Provincial Grand Master

Southern Division 2022/2023

MW Grand Master, MW Past Grand Masters, RW, VW, Wor BB and Brethren all.

It is my pleasure to extend a sincere and fraternal welcome to each of you in attendance today at this 161st annual general meeting of the Southern Division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Lodge officers current and past who have served during my 7 years as Provincial Grand Master, I extend my gratitude for the manner in which you have applied yourselves over the past years. I thank you for your willingness to attend to Provincial duties during the uncertain times of the Covid pandemic, and your efforts to keep Masonry alive and functioning during these same challenging years in the Southern Division.

To the Deputies and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters with whom I have had the privilege to serve, I thank you for the new energies that you have individually brought to the Provincial team and your willingness to not only take on work, but to do it very well over the past 7 years. Brethren I really do appreciate all the help, the input, and the support that you have provided to me.

To my Provincial Grand Secretary, Wor Bro Llewellyn Lloyd- Jones I have expressed my gratitude to you personally on a few occasions and now I do so publicly for your exceptional support, loyalty, and efforts over the past 6 years in your role as the province's secretary, we know it was not the job you were cut out for, but you stepped up and filled a large void when no one else would, and for this I am eternally grateful

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 over the past 2 years with regards to the required financial reporting procedures. I thank the past 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 close relationship we have shared over the past 14 years and for 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 the 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 Simon Nash and before them I must mention RW Bro's Alan van der Vyver, Alf Bronner, Frans Roodt and Pete Roos. Many of these brethren I am honoured to call friends today.

The heads of the sister constitutions and I have always enjoyed a very warm, fraternal, and beneficial relationship over the past 7 years but none more so than the friendships that developed between myself and RW Bro's Ernest Malherbe, Tony Alsemgeest, and Bro Dave Gallagher. Thank you distinguished brethren it has been my privilege getting to know you.

Individual lodge recruitment campaigns.

This initiative I introduced to capitalize on the content available from our big social media drive in 2021. The material from the main PGL campaign of last year has been available at no charge with a few small, specialized adjustments to suit each lodge's individual recruitment criteria.

PGL-SD worked together with each lodge which showed an interest, to assist them with small, manageable internet recruitment campaigns.

Awards.

As is tradition in the Southern Division certain awards are presented by the Provincial Grand Master at the Lodge De Goede Hoop Christmas working in December.

I presented the following awards.

Lodge Westerford – Best ritual lodge of the year.

Lodge De Goede Hoop Lodge of the year.

Secretary of the Year - Bro Cyril Engelke of Lodge Marina

Congratulations to all of you.

New initiatives.

Lodge de Goede Hoop has instituted a once-a-month Friday movie night which includes a short movie with a masonic theme followed by a dinner and a Q & A session. It is piloted by Bro Manny De Freitas, and he is doing a superb job.

Wor Bro Cobis Wilson arranged an inter-constitutional church service in June which was attended by 63 Freemasons with Lodge de Goede Hoop having the best representation from the GLSA.

Some time ago the Master of Lodge de Goede Hoop instituted a once-a-month informal meeting with the lodge's apprentices, and this has now been opened up to apprentices from all Lodges and is enjoyed by all. A Day lodge was to be established in the division with 17 brethren having signed up and very enthusiastic about the concept. Lodge Cape Town's charter was to be brought out of recess to accommodate this lodge, but due to a host of stumbling blocks being imposed over supposed constitutional issues the project never got off the ground.

First Degree working for the Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Lodge Westerford was honoured with the attendance of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland at one of their workings. This was a 1st degree for Bro Guy Taylor and the lodge excelled with an almost flawless working in front of the Scottish Grand Master, our own Grand Master as well as some eighty visitors. As the master of the lodge at the time, I was incredibly proud to watch my fellow brethren

excelling at their ritual work under enormous pressure. Well done Lodge Westerford.

AGM 2022.

The Southern Division once again hosted an excellent AGM with a few new spins on the event. I sourced a young musician from the SACS School band to perform the last post live in the temple which was a big hit and thoroughly enjoyed by all, including the young man and his father. We updated the traditional rather bland AGM booklet, to a completely new look and design, as well as a few additions such as messages from all the chain bearers, as well as an article I titled "Silent heroes of the Southern Division".

Also included was a promotional bookmark with a motivational masonic message inscribed.

All in all, a very successful day and evening for the Southern Division and I thank all my PGL officers who assisted me in showcasing the AGM and Spring Ball.

It was also my distinct pleasure to officially appoint and invest Wor Bro Cobis Wilson as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. A position he thoroughly deserved.

The Masonic Olympics for 2022 closed off with the Potjie competition and prize giving in early December which was again a great success. The food was of an exceptional standard, and it was a culinary delight to be a judge on the day. The Irish were once again the overall winners with GLSA finishing third.

Service of Faith.

The division hosted a Carols evening service of Faith in the de Goede Hoop temple which was well attended and well received by all constitutions. This was placed in the capable hands of Wor Bro Cobis Wilson to organize, in which he excelled.

Spring Ball initiative.

Last year's Spring ball event was once again a great success with a very different feel to the ball with a much younger crowd and many new faces. It was organized by a completely inexperienced new look committee, who in the

end performed fantastically. An amount of R 120 000 was confirmed as being available to the Masonic homes from the efforts of the committee and thank you to all the brethren and lodges from around the country who supported us.

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. You, brethren have been inspiring and to think that over the past 2 years we have run a spring ball with only 30-minute meetings once per week and starting much later in the year than was traditionally done, is amazing.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your incredible contributions to this 49-year-old institution that is the Spring ball and Masonic homes project.

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 – Quad home

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. Also, a big thank you to the brethren of the Mark degree for their contributions over this past year to the quad home in particular as well as to Chapter De Goede Kaap and Bro Costopoulos for their efforts in cutting down a tree after a break in at the home. Thanks to all involved.

RW Bro Peter Duckworth - English Constitution.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of RW Bro Peter Duckworth, a Past District Grand Master of the English

constitution. He was an avid supporter of our masonic homes initiative and donated R50 000 in his personal capacity almost every year. He was a fabulous Freemason and an even greater man who will be sorely missed by all Freemasons in the Western Cape

Southern Division Christmas lunch for residents of our Masonic Homes.

A very successful Christmas lunch was held once again by the division for all the residents of masonic homes and was very well attended. As is tradition each resident is given a substantial Christmas present at the lunch, and I must congratulate Wor Bro Michael Burchell, and all involved in the organizing of the event. I would also like to thank MW Bro Godfrey Place and his wife Linda from the Northern division as well as to all the Northern division lodges and brethren for the awesome donation of an additional gift for each resident and staff member of the Masonic homes project. We really do appreciate it and it was a very welcome addition and a surprise for the residents.

Southern Division Almoner.

Wor Bro Cobis Wilson has been the Southern Division PGL Almoner going on 11 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 almoners reports 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 has grown incredibly over the past year and he is now feeding over 300 people at a time twice a week. We thank this dedicated brother as well as all those Freemasons and non-masons who have aided both financially and with their time with

specific mention of Bro Dennis Knight from Lodge Marina in particular.

Finances.

The Provinces finances have unfortunately been wilting a little under the strain of increased benevolence requests, and the collection issues surrounding the new debit order system, 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 22 new applications currently in process.

Lodge Closure.

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

Namely Lodge Cape Town fortunately all the members decided to join Lodge Westerford.

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 has indeed been an honour, a pleasure, and my privilege to have served each of you as the Provincial Grand Master of this proud, innovative, and most historic division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. 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.

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RW Bro T Hardiman

Inaugural address of the Newly Installed Provincial Grand Master. 16th September 2023

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren all,

While it is both, being a Freemason is more a call to service than an honour. The call to service which our ancient and honourable Order affords us is a privilege which many men never get. Not only does our organization give us a valuable platform to do good and positively impact the society in which we live, it provides us with a sound moral and ethical foundation upon which we can build meaningful lives.

The verb generally used to describe Masonic activity is LABOUR. This is not by chance. The standard dictionary definition of labour is productive work, especially physical toil done for wages. If we as Freemasons are to aspire to any wages for our Masonic involvement, we must labour.

Our initiation is a call to serve. As workmen, we have been promised wages. Brethren of the Southern Division – the time has come for us to labour so that someday, we will earn our wages.

The question you should ask me is: At what do we have to labour?

We have to labour at positioning Freemasonry in this country to last another 250 years.

How do we do this? Brethren, I cannot tell you with certainty how we can achieve this. But what I do know is that, in the spirit of Freemasonry, we have to fix our organization. We have to fix our Division. We have to fix our Lodges. In fact, we have to fix our very selves.

To remain positively relevant, we have to reform and restructure our systems and activities in ways which put less demands on the resources of our members while at the same time providing as much value and benefit as practically possible. We need to take bold yet swift steps to accentuate the value of Masonic membership.

Brethren, our Landmarks are sacred. Our teachings and rituals have stood the test of time.

Our aims and objectives are unquestionably noble.

That notwithstanding, the regulation and administration of our organisation should be dynamic and alive to its context and present-day challenges. This is not an advocacy for frivolous or regular changes to our laws, customs and traditions. It is rather a call for a more proactive and results oriented approach to addressing some of our current challenges.

In this regard and on behalf of all PGL Officers of this Division, I must express sincere appreciation to our Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, who has allowed the Management Committee of the Southern Division to explore the constitutionally provided option of allowing Master Masons below the rank of Installed Master to assist the Provincial Grand Lodge Team which would have otherwise been thin and inefficient. Grand Master, thank you for your willingness to see our Division and Lodges thrive.

Brethren, the vision shared by our Grand Master at his installation on the 15th of July 2023 inspired our PGL team to immediately set to work. At a meeting which took place on Thursday the 27th of July 2023, the MANCO approved a plan to professionalize our PGL structure.

The first leg of the plan requires that PGL Commissioned Officers should be appointed based on their skill and ability to deliver on specific and measurable KPAs. As at present, each Commissioned Officer has received a clear mandate to ensure to overall delivery on his KPAs across all Lodges with measurable indicators and targets.

The second leg of the plan draws from Article 37.3 of our Constitution to direct the PG EXCO to ensure that before the election of a Lodge member as the Presiding Master of his Lodge is approved, this member should meet certain minimum criteria.

While the foregoing may seem exacting and demanding, we must bear in mind that the quality, reputation and usefulness of the Provincial Grand Lodge or any Lodge is largely a product of the officers charged with its management.

I have no doubt that the renewed enthusiasm and skill of our MANCO will steer this Division in the right direction – laying the foundation for the next 250 years of Masonic labour.

We often make grandiose promises when we are initiated or take office. We take solemn obligations. Yet, we fail when confronted with inconvenience or adversity.

A story of told of a young man who wrote to his lover saying: “I would climb the highest mountain, swim the widest ocean, cross the scorching desert, even die at the stake for you”. After such a grand commitment, he closed the letter saying – “P.S. I will see you on Saturday – provided it does not rain”.

Today, Brethren, I have taken an obligation to serve this Division. Whether it rains or not, I will keep my obligation. May TGAOTU grant us all the wisdom and courage to continue to obey and do His will.

SMIB

**RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen
Provincial Grand Master**

**Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2023/2024**

Office	Member
Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro RY Eyiomen
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro ML Gessler
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro F Begot
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro MAP Slabbert

Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro JF Spotta
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro SB Stuart
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro GD Ricci
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro JJH Benadie
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro J Maritz
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro LR Lloyd Jones
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro AJ Van Dijk
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro MF Petronio
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro LC Krige
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro L Van Der Schyff
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro JL Van Zyl
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro CM Mukendi
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Bro CJ Engelke
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro GA Hendricks
Provincial Grand Tyler	Wor Bro J Bossenge-Nkoy
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro TB Monzoto
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro BJ Bordiss
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro CW Burger
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro JM Curtis
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro CJH Kruger
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro DJ Knight
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro A Lucas MSA
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro AJ Van Der Westhuizen

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2023

Lodge	No	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	PhirozeGorvalla	4th	Wed	October
Hiram	108	1971	PhirozeGorvalla	3rd	Tue	October
Perseverance	126	1977	PhirozeGorvalla	1st	Tue	November
Cape Town	138	2002	de Goede Hoop	1st	Mon	December

Lodge	e-mail
de Goede Hoop	degoedehoop@grandlodge.co.za
de Goede Trouw	degoedetrouw@grandlodge.co.za
de Goede Verwachting	degoedeverwachting@grandlodge.co.za
Marina	marina@grandlodge.co.za
Westerford	westerford@grandlodge.co.za
Jacob de Mist	jacobdemist@grandlodge.co.za
Hiram	hiram@grandlodge.co.za
Perseverance	perseverance@grandlodge.co.za
Cape Town	capetown@grandlodge.co.za

Name	Master	Secretary
De Goede Hoop	RW Bro TW Hardiman	MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
De Goede Trouw	Wor Bro GD Ricci	Bro A Lucas
De Goede Verwachting	Wor Bro JP Wilson	Wor Bro AJ van Wijk
Marina	Wor Bro CJ Engelke	Bro KF Irvine
Westerford	Wor Bro SB Stuart	MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
Jacob De Mist	Wor Bro CW Burger	Wor Bro CE Engelke
Hiram	Wor Bro CM Mukendi	Bro R Kakesse
Perseverance	Wor Bro GA Hendricks	Wor Bro LC Krige
Cape Town	Vacant	Vacant



Lodge De Goede Hoop 2023



MW Bro JEH Smith OSM MSA MW Bro GR Edwards OSM MW Bro GS Place

Wor Bro RY Eyiomen RW Bro T Hardiman



Lodge Westerford 2023



Spring ball 2023

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling

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RW Bro / SV Bro SP Nash.

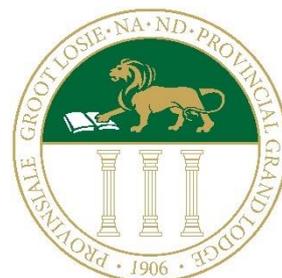
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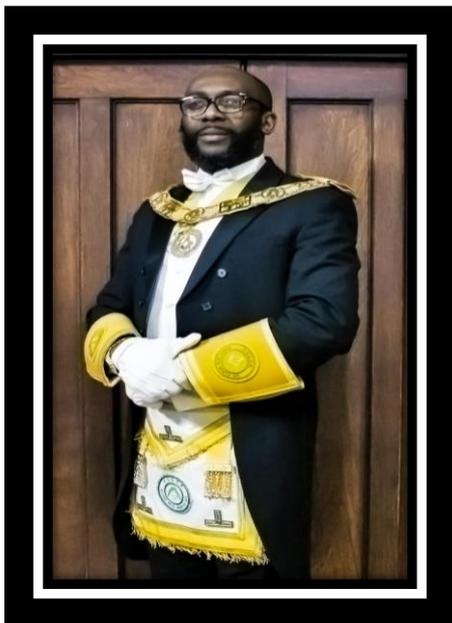
**Provincial Grand Lodge - Commissioned Officers
Provinsiale Grootlosie - Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraers**

Deputy Provincial Grand Master / Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester



Wor Bro M MOSTERT

Assistant Provincial Grand Masters - Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeesters.



Wor Bro A NDUBUISI



Wor Bro G BOSCH



Wor Bro W STEYL



Wor Bro M MATJANE

Annual Report for the 2022/2023 year. Northern Division

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Geoff Edwards OSM and Dave Duncan OSM, the Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers, Distinguished brethren from our sister Constitutions; RW, VW, Wor BB and Brethren all, it gives me great pleasure to present my Annual report for the 2022/2023 year.

I will start off by asking for your forbearance if this report appears to be overly positive at times, but while we have had our fair share of challenges in the past year, in most instances we have prevailed and the outcome has been positive.

In the interests of balance, allow me to start with the negatives. Lodge Jock of the Bushveld, which had been put into recess in the prior year, lost its three remaining members. Lodge The Rising Star, which had not held meetings for more than two years was put into recess and all 8 of its members either resigned or were excluded for non-payment of fees. No less than 5

other Lodges experienced a net loss in members for the year in spite of their best efforts and we came very close to having to put Lodge Trichardt into recess.

We lost three brethren who passed to the Eternal East during the year, one of them under tragic circumstances but all of them a sad Loss. We will pay our respects to them during the AGM in the traditional fashion.

The change to a debit order collection system resulted in slower than normal capitation fee collections and lastly, we had serious teething problems with our administration, which teething problems have subsequently been resolved.

In contrast to these “negatives”, a number of positive outcomes can objectively be reported on.

Firstly, in spite of the aforementioned losses, we finished the year with a net growth in membership. While small, it is a reflection of the renewed interest in our Ancient and Honourable Order as well as our ability to grow in the face of adversity.

The credit for this growth must be given to those deserving Lodges and members of the Admin team who made it possible. Lodge Star of the East grew by a remarkable 38 percent during the year and the WM, Wor Bro Willie Luck, the Lodge Past Masters and the members of the Lodge must be heartily congratulated for this achievement. This from a Lodge that three years ago was close to closure.

Lodge Trichardt, instead of losing its 17 members, grew by 29%, and while at times this seemed an impossible task, it was nonetheless achieved and in this regard, I would congratulate Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Wor Bro Wikus Steyl and the affiliating members and members of the Lodge for their herculean efforts in this regard.

Lodge Alpha grew by a substantial 27%, and again, the Lodge WM, Wor Bro King Armstrong and his successor, Wor Bro Chris Kelvin Aku and their brethren are to be heartily congratulated.

Lodge Vereeniging grew by 25% but remains in a challenged position with only just enough Master Masons to form a quorum.

A number of other Lodges grew by between 5 and 10%, while at times this meant just one member, it is evidence of our capacity to achieve growth at a time when many Masonic bodies are reporting losses.

Not surprisingly, our strategy for the coming years is sustainable growth across a wider base of our Lodges.

The appointment of Wor Bro Marius Mostert as my Deputy and Wor Bro Wikus Steyl as Assistant Provincial Grand Master in December completed the team and enabled me to take on the important role of developing strategy for the future. This strategy was submitted to the Grand committee as a discussion paper prior to the chains conference and has now been “completed” and will be implemented

shortly, having been accepted by both the EXCO and MANCO. There is no doubt that we will need to refine the strategy as we proceed to ensure its effective implementation.

Without the combined efforts of the EXCO this past six months, I would not have been able to take on this important task.

I would therefore like to make use of this opportunity to thank all of the members of the PGL ND EXCO for their sterling contributions this past year, I am grateful for all of your contributions, even if at times my drive for perfection makes you feel otherwise. I would be remiss to not make special mention of Wor Bro Wikus Steyl whose untiring efforts have assisted me through the preparation for this AGM in spite of his otherwise busy schedule.

Similarly, I must thank all of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers for their dedication and commitment, we have at times held two installations in one weekend and driven many kilometres to fulfil our duties, all without complaint.

We have set high standards and they have been met with enthusiasm and diligence.

Our previously dormant website: safreemason.co.za is once again live and forms the anchor point for our growth campaign which will make extensive use of social media and will also serve to improve communication both with our own members and with the profane who have an interest in Freemasonry. At the same time our Facebook and Linked in Pages have been activated and are already making an impression, with our Facebook posts having a reach of 5251 users in the past 28 days.

The introduction of the Travelling Gavel trophy and competition, currently held by Lodge Prins Frederik, has undoubtedly played a role in increasing visiting between Lodges, with numbers in excess of 40 at a ceremonial working not being unusual. However, the enthusiasm of our senior

brethren and their commitment to visiting other Lodges has equally played a role in this increased activity and I am grateful for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The division and Lodges supported a number of charitable causes in the past year, from the food parcel drive for Christmas carried out by Lodge Prins Frederik supported by a number of other lodges, to the donations made to the Central Division in support of the Magersfontein flood victims, the oxygen machine purchased for a cancer patient by Lodge Brits and others, the surgery removing a growth for a young girl in Rustenburg organised by Lodge Orange and well supported by others, food parcels to a home in Rustenburg and Masonic Haven and vital PPE during a recent Covid outbreak at the Masonic Haven.

The list goes on and its extent is a reflection of the support our brethren have for the principle of brotherly Love.

Lodge Prins Frederik was the first in the Division to hold a Founders ceremony and the idea has been picked up on by other Lodges who are planning the same ceremony during the coming months, Lodge Brits had a successful rededication Golden Jubilee ceremony conducted by the Deputy Grand Master and with 90 ceremonial workings during the year, it was a busy time for most Lodges.

It is without hesitation that I make the statement that the negative effects of Covid are now truly behind us, and our future must therefore be focussed on the positive, with increased activity, improved quality of ritual, and growth in quality members all the hallmark of the coming years.

Freemasonry is, and should remain a rewarding, meaningful and fun activity for our members and our positive use of the balanced Lodge program will be an effective measure of how well we are succeeding in this regard. It will remain our primary objective to focus on these themes in the coming year.

One of the highlights of the past year was undoubtedly Wor Bro Skottowe Lourens of Lodge Orange being awarded the Grand Ritualist jewel, and while I have no doubt that the Southern Division will be inclined to claim this achievement as theirs, given his long term in the Cape, I would point out that the final preparation and indeed polishing of the stone took place in the North, and in any event his achievement is something we can all be equally proud of and for which I can only warmly congratulate him.

I have already thanked my EXCO and PGL ND Officers and congratulated those Lodges who have achieved remarkable growth. In addition, I would offer my gratitude as follows:

Firstly, to the GAOTU without whose guidance this past year may have not been quite as successful, we will continue to labour in your name and to your honour and glory.

To PGL ND officers who have agreed to take up office for the coming year, thank you for your willingness to serve and remember, that is our role, to serve the Lodges and brethren in the Northern Division with diligence and humility.

To the winners of the various awards which will be made at the AGM, I will not mention your names here because this report will be distributed beforehand, in certain cases, the decision on who should win the award was relatively easy. In others it was exceptionally hard, with so many deserving nominees to consider. Just know that your award is both recognition and thanks from a grateful Provincial Grand Lodge EXCO who all appreciate your contribution to our collective success.

To Wor Bro Achille Katumbay, who later today will be promoted to Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies, I thank you for your years of loyal service and I wish you success in your new role.

To every Lodge Master, Officer and member who gave up their time to make themselves better men and the world a better place, thank you, without you and your efforts we would have no purpose.

To the senior members of the Grand Lodge within the division who gave my team and I their unstinting support in all our endeavours, we trust that your faith in us has been rewarded. In particular to RW Bro Godfrey Place who later today will be installed as Grand Master, your willingness to take the chair of a Lodge while in the office of Assistant Grand Master is an indication of your work ethic and commitment, I look forward to our ongoing labour together. To RW Bro Johan Britz, I truly hope you are recovering well from your surgery and similarly look forward to labouring with you in the future.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Masters in the Sister Divisions, I thank you for your friendship, guidance and fellowship, this Rookie has appreciated you all. To those who will no longer be part of the “PGM team” after today, I wish you every success and happiness in your future endeavours.

To the Heads of our Sister Constitutions, again, I am grateful for your friendship and willingness to work together in the best interests of Freemasonry and look forward to continuing our closer relationship in the future. It is my sincere belief that the closer

our relationship the more secure Freemasonry’s future in the Northern Division.

To The Grand Secretary, who is always available to assist with resolving queries and offer guidance to both my admin team and I, our admin is all the better for your assistance and we thank you for your indulgence and guidance.

Last but not least, to the Grand Master, Most Wor Bro John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM MSA. I said in my opening address last year that I would thank you for the trust you placed in me by delivering on the oath and obligation I took at my installation, I sincerely hope that these thanks were noticeable to you and that I delivered faithfully on that promise. I must also thank you for your guidance and sage advice during the last year. You have shown the wisdom of Solomon to determine when to allow me to act as needed, and when to offer advice to this relatively inexperienced Provincial Grand Master. I have thoroughly enjoyed labouring with you and wish you well in your retirement, although I suspect you will not be allowed to get too comfortable in the retirement home before being called on for your further guidance and Wisdom.

SMIB.

RW Bro SP Nash

**Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2023 / 2024**

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro Simon Nash
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro M Mostert
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro A Ndubuisi
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro G Bosch
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro W Steyl
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro M Matjane
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro J Weigelt
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro P Nash
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro M Victor

Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro F Stadler
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro D Onyango
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro J Fouche
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro W Steyl
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro F Ganz
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies	Wor Bro S Lourens
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies	Wor Bro W Luck
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies	Wor Bro K Armstrong
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies	Wor Bro Fritz Ganz
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro H Roos
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro S De Kock
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro CJ Cornelius
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro C Kelvin
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro D Labuschagne
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro C Palm
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro D Dicks
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro M Mabogwane
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro P Pretorius
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro A Ndubuisi

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2023

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Orange	12	1878	Rustenburg	3rd	Thu	April	3rd Sat
Star of the Rand	15	1889	Johannesburg	3rd	Tue	March	
Libertas	16	1890	Krugersdorp	4th	Wed	June	3rd Sat
De Broederband	17	1892	Pretoria	3rd	Wed	February	
Prins Frederik	19	1894	Johannesburg	4th	Tue	June	
Star of the East	28	1920	CERT	4th	Tue	May	
Star of the West	56	1948	Klerksdorp	4th	Tue	March	2nd Sat
Albert J Haak	60	1951	Roodepoort	1st	Fri	November	
MW Pretorius	62	1951	Carletonville	3rd	Wed	October	2nd Sat
Sonop	63	1952	Boksburg				Recess
Vereeniging	67		vereeniging				
President Burgers	70	1954	Pretoria	1st	Wed	August	
Golden City	75	1956	Orange Grove	3rd	Thu	August	
Koh -I- Noor	79	1957	Pretoria	1st	Mon	December	
Alpha	89	1962	Orange Grove	1st	Tue	February	
Friendship	95	1963	Orange Grove	4th	Wed	October	
Trichardt	106	1970	Kinross	2nd	Thu	January	3rd Sat
Brits	110	1972	Brits	2nd	Thu	September	1st Sat
The Rising Star	129	1983	Cullinan	3rd	Mon	October	1st Sat
Jock of the Bushveld	130	1983	Barberton	2nd	Sat	July	2nd Sat
Flaming Star	139	2005	Orange Grove	3rd	Mon	April	

Lodge	e-mail
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Star of the Rand	staroftherand@grandlodge.co.za
Libertas	libertas@grandlodge.co.za
De Broederband	debroederband@grandlodge.co.za
Prins Frederik	prinsfrederik@grandlodge.co.za
Star of the East	staroftheeast@grandlodge.co.za
Star of the West	starofthewest@grandlodge.co.za
Albert J Haak	albertjhaak@grandlodge.co.za
MW Pretorius	mwpretorius@grandlodge.co.za
Vereeniging	vereeniging@grandlodge.co.za
President Burgers	presidentburgers@grandlodge.co.za
Golden City	goldencity@grandlodge.co.za
Koh-I-Noor	kohinoor@grandlodge.co.za
Alpha	alpha@grandlodge.co.za
Friendship	friendship@grandlodge.co.za
Trichardt	trichardt@grandlodge.co.za
Brits	brits@grandlodge.co.za
The Rising Star	therisingstar@grandlodge.co.za
Jock of the Bushveld	jockofthebushveld@grandlodge.co.za
Flaming Star	flamingstar@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Orange	Wor Bro CJ Palm	Wor Bro G Bosch
Star of the Rand	RW Bro SP Nash	Bro L Bergstreedt
Libertas	RW Bro JJ Brits	Wor Bro M Mostert
De Broederband	Wor Bro F Ganz	Wor Bro E Kotze
Prins Frederik	RW Bro R Coenen	Bro GJ Muller
Star of the East	Wor Bro W Luck	Wor Bro D Dicks
Star of the West	Wor Bro D Labuschagne	Bro S Henderson
Albert J Haak	Wor Bro JG Fouche	Wor Bro M Mostert
MW Pretorius	Wor Bro WJ van Dyk	Wor Bro M Mostert
Vereeniging	Wor Bro DJ Vosloo	Bro L Bergstreedt
President Burgers	Wor Bro O Adepoju	Bro O Sepato
Golden City	Wor Bro V Gautam	Wor Bro MM Nunes
Koh-I-Noor	Wor Bro D Echeverri-Molina	Bro CJ Cornelius
Alpha	Wor Bro CK Aku	Bro JA Jalloh
Friendship	Wor Bro J Ngafoua	Wor Bro IR Huntly
Trichardt	Wor Bro WA Byleveld	Wor Bro W Luck
Brits	Wor Bro E Albasini	Wor Bro PA Pretorius
The Rising Star	Vacant	Vacant
Jock of the Bushveld	Vacant	Wor Bro N van Burick
Flaming Star	Wor Bro A Tsabangu	Bro T Tsotsotso



*Bro Leroyd Bergsteedt
Secretary of the year*



*Wor Bro Skottowe Lourens
Ritualist of the year*



*Bro Anton Geldenhuis
Master Mason of the year*

*Wor Bro Willie Luck.
Presiding Master of the year*





Losie Star of the West 2023



Lodge Star of the East 2023



Losie AJ Haak 2023

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootlei van Suid Afrika

Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling.
2022/2023

Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester



SV Br / RW Bro F Appelgryn

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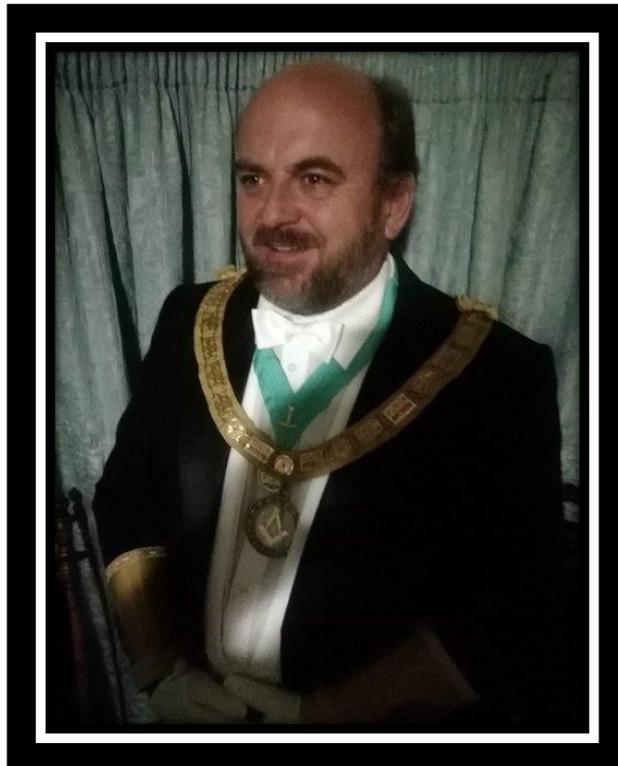
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Provincial Grand Lodge - Commissioned Officers

Provinsiale Grootlosie - Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraer

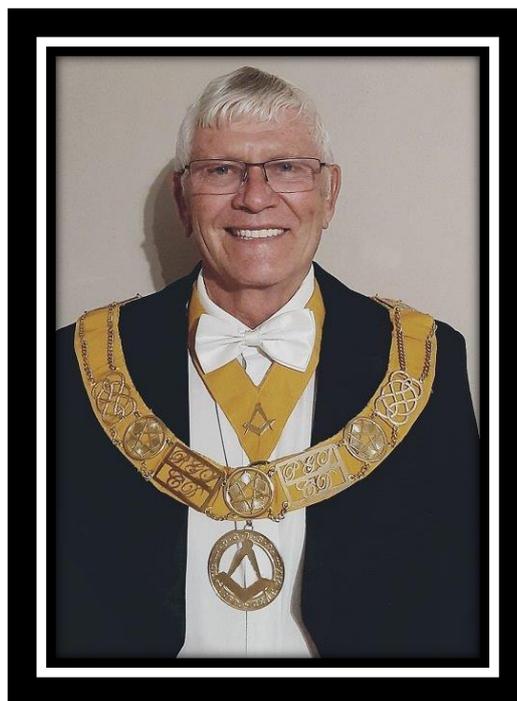
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Agb Br / Wor Bro M de KOCK

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester



Agb Br / Wor Bro J COETZEE

Provinsiale Grootmeester se Jaarsverslag. Sentrale Afdeling 2023

Hoog Eerwaarde Grootmeester, HE Br John Smith ODV TVD, Seerverligte, Seer Agbare, Agbare Broers en Broers almal hier vandag, Saterdag 01 April 2023 teenwoordig in ons Masonieke Tempel Bloemfontein beskikbaar en oop vir enigiemand van waar u ookal in die wêreld mag kom.

As the notice above our inner entrance door says, “If your heart and intentions are pure - be WELCOME”

My mede kollegas in die ander afdelings wat elkeen sy eie afdeling lei en elkeen sy eie situasies het – nogmaals dankie vir jul altyd vriendelikheid en gasvryheid wanneer ons afdeling julle kom besoek.

SV Br Tommy Hardiman, RW Bro Keith Hutton OSM, SV Br. Johan Van Der Merwe en ons jongste Provinsiale Groot Meester, SV Br Simon Nash – alle voorspoed en sterkte vir julle voorentoe en mag die goeie verhouding wat daar is absoluut net van krag tot krag gaan.

In die Sentrale Afdeling is daar met die genade van Bo nogsteeds nege (9) losies: - elke losie het sy eie uitdagings, maar my moto is altyd: “elke losie of losie gebou of broers in daardie losie is uniek” en dit maak dit so besonders vir my van Vrymesselary.

Losie Unie Nr. 4 te Bloemfontein, die oudste Losie noord van die Oranje Rivier, Moeder Losie in die Vrystaat – die losie is stabile. Hulle het wel nie die afgelope jaar ‘n nuwe kandidaat by gekry nie, maar het wel ‘n 3 de graad werking gehad vir Br. Caalsen. Die losie se finansieele verpligtinge is ten volle vereffen en is stabiel. In die masonieke jaar 2023 gaan hulle hul 160st bestaansjaar vieringe hou gedurende Julie. SV Br Jan Conradie – Oud Provinsiale Groot Meester, wat lid is van die Losie het onlangs getrek na Oudtshoorn, maar het aangedui dat hy nog steeds lid sal bly van Losie Unie.

Losie De Morgenster Nr. 9: As gevolg van vandalisme wat ‘n absolute las en ergenis op die losie geplaas het, het die lede genoodsaak om hulle gebou te verkoop. Genadiglikte het die verkoop transaksie met absolute spoed

plaasgevind. ‘n Koper is gevind en die ooreengekome prys was vir almal bertrokke aanvaarbaar en derhalwe het die verkoops transaksie vinnig geskied. 50% van die gebou het egter aan die Skotse Konstitusie behoort en met onderhandeling is hulle gedeelte aan hulle oorbetaal en almal was tevrede. Huidiglik hou die lede van De Morgenster hulle vergaderings in die Tempel van Losie Central Free State te Welkom – vir tyd en wyl totdat hulle ander planne sal beraam vir die toekoms.

Lodge Peace and Harmony Nr. 11 : Geleë in Kimberley – hierdie losie is tans onder die bekwame hande van Agb Br Francois Dauth en vergader nou weer elke maand en ons wens hom alle sterkte en voorspoed toe. Die losie groei goed en is veral sigbaarheid en betrokke by die gemeenskap. Dit sal ons in die Noord Kaap ‘n sienbare verskil kan maak wat Vrymesselary aanbetref. Hou so aan Agb Br Dauth – u en u lede - u positiewiteit en entosiasme word beslis raak gesien.

Losie Diamond Nr. 22 : U dra almal kennis van die ramp wat die dorp Jagersfontein getref het gedurende September 2022. Losie Diamond het die inisiatief aan die dag gelê en fondse ingesamel. Dit het van heinde en verre ingekom om by te dra tot die ramp fonds van die dorp. Huidiglik vergader die Losie elke twee (2) maande en elke keer as ons gaan vergader, dan neem ons allerhande goed (bederfbare en nie bederfbare) goedere saam, want die toestande en behoeftes in daardie dorp is hart verskeurend. Die Losie het wel nie self ‘n nuwe kandidaat gewerf in die afgelope jaar nie, maar ‘n tweede graad werking is gedoen vir een van die lede van Losie Peace and Harmony, naamlik Br Hein Kruger. Die huidige finansies is stabiel.

On a less positive note – we have to greet only one Brother that departed to the Eternal East and that was not other than our beloved Past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Frikkie Botha – at the time of his departure he was 91 years of age and not less than 65 years a Freemason – his sudden absence on 19 September 2022 has definitely left a huge gap in our Masonic Artillery – he was a Provincial Grand Master for many years in this division

and was a few times the Presiding master during his career in his mother, Lodge Diamond. I will especially miss you dearly because I knew you my whole life since I have come into this world and also on the day that I saw the light of Freemasonry because you introduced my father to Freemasonry and I was only following in his footsteps and continued his work that he was enjoying for 12 years in our order. It is a privilege for me to be on this journey.

Losie Senekal Nr. 27: Die Losie het, soos in die vorige boekjaar gerapporteer, twee kandidate gewerf. Die inlywings het wel plaasgevind en twee kandidate is inderdaad ontvang en so ook in die afgelope jaar bevorder tot Meester Vrymesselaars, naamlik: Broers Human en Prinsloo. Onlangs het Br Kevin Van Zyl, die seun van SV Br Cor Van Zyl se verheffing ook in die besondere temple van hierdie losie plaasgevind. Die finansies van die losie is onder beheer onder die waakende oog van Agb Br Marcel De Kock.

Losie Parys Nr. 30: In die afgelope jaar het hierdie losie geskiedenis gemaak deurdat hulle hul 100 jare vieringe gevier het met die teenwoordigheid van die Groot Meester, HE Br John Smith ODV TVD. Daar was ook 'n raad van bevestigde meesters met die nuwe meester aan die stuur by name Agb Br Stephan Venter. Nie net was hy die Meester van die Losie bevestig nie, maar sy lewensmaat, Agb Br Johan Wolfaadt was terselfde tyd die Voorsittende Meester van Losie Vereeniging Nr. 67 aan die oorkant van die grense en in 'n ander provinsie. SV Br Nash, moet asseblief nie al ons lede weg rokkel nie. Die Losie het dan ook voor hul 100 jarige vieringe 'n eerste graad werking gehad vir Br Kritzinger. Die losie het ook 'n tweede en derde graad werking gehad gedurende die jaar vir Br Marco Van Der Merwe. Die Losie se finansies is stabiel en word goed bestuur.

Lodge Central Free State Nr. 35: Situated in Welkom, this lodge had tw third degree workings during the last Masonic year, only one exclusion and their finances are up to date. They are one of the least headaches of this division .

Losie Dagbreek Nr 45: Die losie, wat deesdae meer Engels praat as in die afgelope dekade, te

danke aan ons jongste Voorsittende Meester, Agb Br John Meyer. Wor Master, thank you for your enthusiastic and pro active involvement. We are looking forward to an exceptional year and are very proud to have you as our reigning Master.

Hierdie Losie het in die afgelope Masonieke jaar een tweede graad werking gehad van Br Comperê wie se skoonseun weereens vanaf Tanzania – Dar-Es-Salam, gkom het vir die bevordering van sy skoonpa en het ook aangedui dat hy ook so sal wees met die dag as Br Comperê verhef word na die Meesters of derde grad. Ons sien uit na daardie geleentheid. Dan het ons ook 'n absolute positiewe Broer ryker geword by name van Eon Kruger. Hierdie Broer het ook al 'n lesing aangebied aangaande positiewiteit en was so gewild dat die ander konstitusies ook van die Broer se talent wil gebruik om lesings by hulle aan te bied – Dankie vir jou bydrae Br Eon.

En dan natuurlik ons jongste toevoeging tot die Orde – nie meer kandidaat nie, maar nou ons Broer, Juan Botes, wat gisteraand in die teenwoordigheid van 62 broers ingewy was in die teenwoordigheid van ons Groot Meester, HE Br John Smith ODV TVD. Al vyf die Provinsiale Groot Meesters van oor die hele land was ook teenwoordig.'n Besondere dank aan al die broers wat deel was van daardie werking. So iets is altyd besonders. Losie Dagbreek het ook reeds op die kandidaats lys nog 'n kandidaat, wat as alles goed verloop binnekort sal toegelaat word. Die Losie se finansies is ten volle betaal van alle lede vir die 2023 boekjaar.

Losie Magersfontein Nr. 144: Die “Militere” Losie geleë te Kimberley het verlede naweek een afilasie bygekry, maar ongelukkig was daar 'n paar uitsluitings en bedankings teen Desember 2022. Wat die losie aanbetref, sal net die toekoms bepaal.

Sekretaris / Penningmeester: Agb Br Riaan Croucamp – die afgelope jaar het sy uitdagings gehad, die ondankbare arbeid van 'n Sekretaris / Tesourier word altyd onderskat totdat jy dit self moet doen. Graag wil ek van die geleentheid gebruik maak om jou te bedank vir die afgelope 3 jaar se harde werk. Ek weet en

besef wat alles aangaan en glo my “behind the scenes” is daar soveel wat gedoen moet word. Aan Agb Br Donovan Le Roux wat die leisels oorvat as Sekretaris / Tesourier – alle sterkte – dit mag dalk erg klink, maar dit is nie so erg nie. Glo my, dit is baie wat van u verwag word, maar saam sal ons die wa deur die drif trek om die afdeling te laat funksioneer soos wat dit moet loop.

Finansies: Op finansieële vlak is daar nogsteeds drie losies wat swaar trek, maar ‘n vyf jaar plan is in werking gestel en daardeur sal ons poog om die losies die geleentheid te bied om hulle huis in orde te kry. Alle dank aan die losies wat wel hulle finansieële verpligtinge getrou nakom.

Provinsiale Ampsdraers: Die afdeling se Provinsiale ampsdraers is versprei regoor die Vrystaat. Tyd en beskikbaarheid is maar altyd ‘n faktor en soms gaan dit maar broekskeur om met net genoeg Provinsiale Ampsdraers ‘n bevestiging uit te voer.

Aan ons Uittredende Assistent, Agb Br Jan Coetzee, alle sterkte en voorspoed vir die toekoms.

‘n Besondere dank aan Agb Br Theoniel Piterse vir die afgelope 3 jaar. Ek sal sy

teenwoordigheid, betrokkenheid en bereidwilligheid, nie net in die Provinsie nie, maar as wat ookal gedoen moet word – dit is nou hande werk, op sosiale vlak – om die waarheid te sê op alle vlakke – Alle DANK Theoniel – Vir my was jy meer as net ‘n Assistent – u is nou wel klaar met daardie pos, maar u bly aan in die Provisie alowel nou net as ‘n Ambassadeur, want ek is soos ‘n hen met kuikens – ek kan jou nie net laat gaan nie. Geniet die blaaskans. Aan die ander ampsdraers wat die jaar getrou al hul 100de kilometers tyd en effort ingesit het – dankie, want alleen kan en kon ek nie die Provinsie behartig nie.

Losies: Agbare Meesters van elke losie of u nou vir ‘n tweede termyn in die stoel is of dalk die eerste keer - dankie vir elke losie wat u beheer 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 die komende masonieke jaar .

GOD bless – till we meet again
Masonieke Groete

SV.Br.Frans Appelgryn



**Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2023 / 2024**

Office	Member
Provincial Grand Master (Acting)	Wor Bro M De Kock
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro JC Cambanis
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro B Fourie
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro J Wolfaardt
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro DW Le Roux
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro DW Le Roux
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro F Dauth,
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro JC Meyer
Provincial Grand Ambassador	Wor Bro T Pieterse
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro R Croucamp
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro S Venter
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro V Kumm
Provincial Grand Tyler	Wor Bro JE Van Wyk

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2023

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation
Unie	4	1864	Bloemfontein	2nd	Thu	September
De Morgenster	9	1870	Kroonstad	3rd	Thu	July
Peace & Harmony	11	1873	Kimberley	1st	Sat	January
Diamond	22	1907	Koffiefontein	2nd	Sat	October
Senekal	27	1914	Senekal	2nd	Wed	June
Parys	30	1922	Parys	Last	Thu	October
Central Free State	35	1923	Welkom	4th	Wed	May
Dagreek	45	1932	Bloemfontein	1st	Thu	February
Magersfontein	144	2019	Kimberley	3rd	Sat	April

Lodge	E-Mail
Unie	<u>unie@grandlodge.co.za</u>
De Morgenster	<u>demorgenster@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Peace & Harmony	<u>peaceandharmony@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Diamond	<u>diamond@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Senekal	<u>senekal@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Parys	<u>parys@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Central Free State	<u>centralfreestate@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Dagreek	<u>dagbreek@grandlodge.co.za</u>
Magersfontein	<u>maggersfontein@grandlodge.co.za</u>

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Unie	Wor Bro R Croucamp	Wor Bro JC Meyer
De Morgenster	Wor Bro JP Kriel	Bro LP van Rooyen
Peace & Harmony	Wor Bro F Dauth	Wor Bro MJ Combrink
Diamond	Wor Bro T Pieterse	RW Bro FJ Appelgryn
Senekal	RW Bro EA Bronner	Bro A Prinsloo
Parys	Wor Bro S Venter	Wor Bro DW le Roux
Central Free State	Wor Bro JA Coetzee	Bro J van Vuuren
Dagreek	Woe Bro JC Meyer	RW Bro FJ Appelgryn
Makalani	RW Bro CF Montgomery	Wor Bro A Botes
Magersfontein	Wor Bro PJF Louw	



Losie Senekal serving the community.

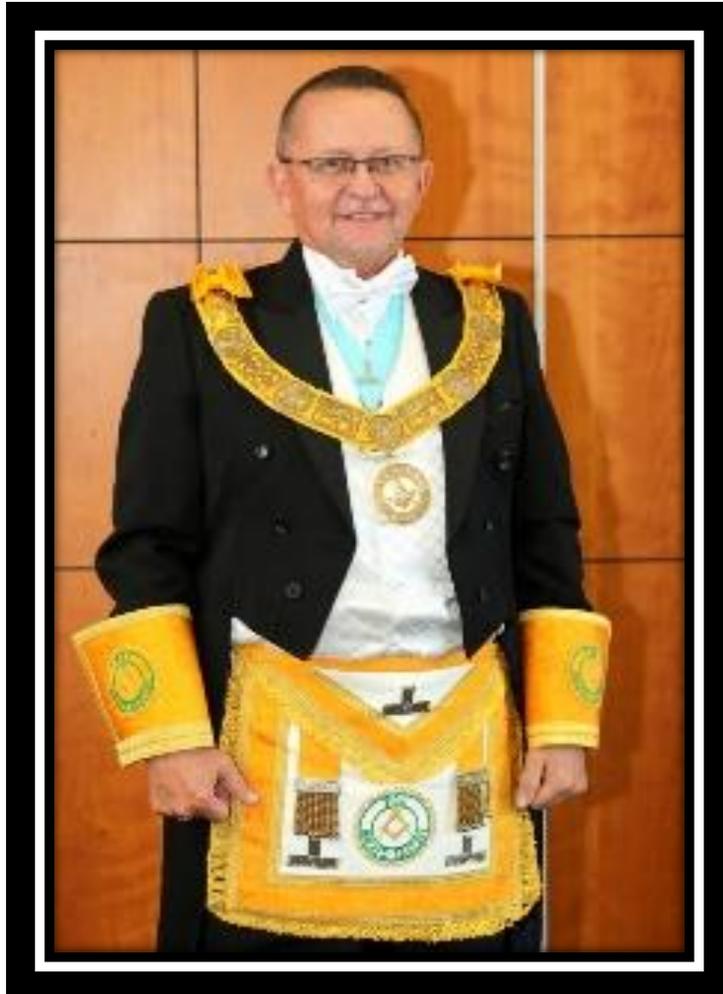


Losie Magersfontein. 2023

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Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling

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Wor Bro / Agb Br H SELZER



Wor Bro / Agb Br I EZEUDUJI

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master Eastern Division. 2023.

The Grand Master, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA; the Past Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM; the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Brandon Topham; the Assistant Grand Masters, RW Bro Avron Jacobson MSA; RW Bro Godfrey Place and RW Bro Johan Britz MSA.

Provincial Grand Masters from our Sister Divisions: RW Bro Thomas Hardiman, Southern Division; RW Bro Simon Nash, Northern Division; RW Bro Frans Appelgryn, Central Division and RW Bro Keith Hutton OSM, Eastern Cape Division.

Distinguished Representatives from the Sister Constitutions: Wor Bro Robert Moxham, Deputy DGM of the English Constitution; RW Bro Richard Dempsey, APMG of the Irish Constitution and Bro Robert Ramshaw, Substitute DGM of the Scottish Constitution.

Right Worshipful Brethren, Very Worshipful Brethren and Brethren:

I welcome you to our 46th Annual General Meeting. It is always special to host our GLSA Brethren from all over the country in Durban, but this year is even more special. We will host our Grand Master for the final time before he

retires and we pledge our allegiance and support to the Grand Master Elect.

General.

We have become accustomed to experiencing at least one natural or man made disaster per year in KZN over the past number of years. So far we have been spared over the past 12 months, except for minor flooding in March 2023. However, we continue to see the devastating effect of financial hardship on many of our brethren, their families and communities.

We also had another devastating experience in the fact that we lost our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor Bro Eric Scholtz, to the Eternal East due to a long sickbed. After 6 months in Intensive Care, he finally lost his brave battle. That left a substantial void, not only in the PGL team, but also in the Masonic Alliance on the South Coast where he was the rock that Lodge Theophilus and the Alliance was surviving on.

Membership.

Sadly, we have not achieved our goal of growing membership in the Eastern Division over the past Masonic year. Very positive aspects such as the initiation of a number of new brethren has been negated by the loss of membership due to mainly financial hardship. We have made every effort to support these brethren, as I will allude to under the heading of Benevolence and Charity.

Taking into account the importance of the three R's of membership: Our recruitment is showing positive signs with a marked increase in internet candidates over the past month. I dare say that the quality of these candidates has also improved significantly. We eagerly await assistance from Grand Lodge regarding the social media recruitment campaign, focusing on LinkedIn. This will also assist in determining the geographical areas where the most potential exists.

The approach for the coming year will be to consolidate first and grow from there. We have spent too much energy trying to keep struggling lodges alive, our focus should be on growing

the stable lodges and then expanding the number of lodges from that stronger base. We have no choice but to have a solid focus on this approach, if we want this Division to not only survive but also achieve its potential. Like the Cheshire Cat remarked in Alice in Wonderland: "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there".

We can recruit all we want, but retention can only be improved if we have properly functioning lodges where members feel that they are practicing Freemasonry to its fullest extent. This is true not only for existing members, but more so for the quality new candidate being introduced into these lodges.

Recovery of members that have left us will firstly depend on them stabilising their financial situation, but also identifying those lost members that left under the guise of financial hardship but were maybe more disillusioned with their dysfunctional lodge than anything else. Strong, happy lodges will be more attractive for them to get back to, even if there are a smaller number of lodges.

Lodges of the Eastern Division.

Unfortunately we had to place Lodge Dromedaris in recess due to the dwindling numbers, but we intend to seek formal permission from Grand Lodge to retain the lodge charter in order to transfer it to a new lodge, which will possibly be consecrated in the Umhlanga/Ballito area as soon as we have consolidated and strengthened the remaining lodges and identify a sufficient number of new candidates for that lodge via the social media campaign and other means.

The further bad news is that Lodge Theophilus will also have to be placed in recess. Their numbers have been low for a considerable period of time, but with Wor Bro Scholtz and the Masonic Alliance on the South Coast putting in a big effort, the lodge was functional. Unfortunately that has changed and two of their members that live in the Durban area anyway, will be used to bolster Lodge Neerlandia.

Lodge Neerlandia shows a lot of potential. Their numbers are being boosted by two members from Lodge Dromedaris, two

members from Lodge Theophilus and I have agreed to become a full member of the lodge. Candidates are waiting in the wings, the lodge will process the necessary documentation and the first initiation is planned for August 2023. Wor Bro Schalk Jacobs, despite all his other commitments, has shown a lot of commitment for making the lodge work and grow.

Lodge Meerensee is the fastest growing lodge in the Division, and the quality of new members is very encouraging. This lodge has the stability of very experienced Brethren to ensure that the new members will be properly mentored and retained for the lodge and the Division. Wor Bro Marais Viljoen, who is also very active in the English Constitution, has been a member of the lodge for a number of years and it was very good news when he agreed to take the chair of the lodge for the next Masonic year.

Lodge First United has a good number of Past Masters to guide the lodge and also a number of very motivated and positive young brethren. The challenge for this lodge is to grow and mentor the young brethren into the so called “middle management” positions to identify the future senior officers of the lodge as soon as possible. Wor Bro Bruce Lamprecht is doing a great job as WM of the lodge, but finding a successor for him without recycling Past Masters will be his main objective this year.

Commissioned Officers.

This Division is privileged to have commissioned officers of the calibre of Wor Bro Ike Ezeudji and Wor Bro Henry Selzer. Over the past year they have been of great support to me, especially as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was in hospital for most of the year. I have to thank them for their willingness to assist with any and all tasks coming their way, often on short notice due to the unavailability of other brethren.

Wor Bro Ezeudji has been appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and I have full confidence in his ability to fill this position with distinction. Despite his busy Academic schedule and frequent international travel for work and family, he manages to step up to the task without fail. Not only is he a true leader, he is also a very humble and capable Freemason.

Wor Bro Selzer is a man of many talents and I sincerely appreciate his willingness to step in as acting PG Secretary for a few months during the past year. He is a Mason that will always offer assistance and solid counsel. He is a true asset to the Division, the GLSA and the Order.

Provincial Grand Officers.

It is never a good thing to single out only certain PGL officers, but I would do an injustice to those brethren if I do not mention their names and achievements. I wish to thank each and every PGL officer for their service during the past year, but I have to specially thank the following brethren:

Wor Bro Schalk Jacobs is a senior member of the English Constitution, but he has served the GLSA and this Division over the past year as WM of Lodge Neerlandia, PG Treasurer, Acting PG Secretary and he stood in as PGMC on two occasions. Where he finds the time for everything, nobody knows. His absolute commitment and work ethic is to be commended at the highest level.

Wor Bro Bruce Lamprecht is the ultimate PGMC in terms of attention to detail and thorough preparation for every ceremony. To the point of driving me insane in a good way, he will have endless meetings with me to discuss every single aspect of the planned ceremony or function. I truly appreciate his effort and I fear the day that he wants to step down or put up his hand for promotion.

I have to mention Wor Bro Colin Potgieter. AS PGSW, he has made every effort despite his extremely challenging personal circumstances and work commitments. Whenever possible, I could count on him to do his bit for the PGL.

Sister Divisions.

I am happy to have lost the title of Rookie to RW Bro Simon Nash, but I am happier to still be part of this group of Provincial Grand Masters who are really special people. The position of PGM is definitely not for the faint hearted, and I would not be able to do it properly without the support of these brethren. I have to thank each one of the PGMs for

always being there with help and advice. We are all sad that RW Bro Frans Appelgryn will shortly be leaving our tight little group, he will be sorely missed. I truly appreciated his eagerness to assist whenever he could. No sooner had I asked for some assistance on our Whatsapp group, or Fransie would be the first to pop up with something. Thank you, Frans, you are a Mason and a gentleman.

Sister Constitutions

The Inter Constitutional Chains meetings resumed again in January 2023, and it serves the very important purpose of co ordinating Masonic activities in the Province. A Masonic “What’s on” Whatsapp group was established and this has proven to be quite helpful. Rather than scanning the calendar to remind yourself of upcoming Masonic meetings and events, this group sends out regular reminders of meetings across all Constitutions.

Charity.

The Division decided to firstly focus its limited funds on benevolence to our own brethren and their families. The need is considerable, we believe that charity starts at home and we could not justify donations to private charities before we looked after our own. In this instance we also assisted in paying capitation and lodge fees on behalf of worthy brethren who have served the Order well but have simply fallen on tough times.

We also assisted Hope House in Shelly Beach. This is a facility for destitute people, especially due to the Covid Pandemic, and we did our due diligence to confirm that they are worthy of assistance. Donations of food and clothing were made at regular intervals to this needy Home.

Finances.

It is a bit disheartening to notice that our PGL investment is about 10% of some of the bigger Divisions, but we make it work as best we can. The investments of the Barry Brecher Fund and the PGL Benevolent Fund are performing well despite challenging investment markets. These

funds are at the highest level it has been in many years and will be utilised with circumspection to achieve our financial goals.

AASR and RA

Unfortunately, the Royal Arch has been inactive in KZN for quite some time now, and the AASR was also inactive for most of the past year due to well known but unfortunate circumstances. This situation has changed in terms of the AASR and meetings will be resuming soon again. With the new Sovereign Grand Commander being a part of the furniture in this Division, we will have no choice but to step up our game.

In conclusion.

The Eastern Division is not proud to still be the smallest Division in the GLSA. It has not been for lack of effort, maybe just a bit more focussed approach to our recruitment and retention process will bring the desired results in the next year. We will keep working hard and inevitably the results will have to come.

I wish to thank the Grand Master for his unwavering support to this Division and me personally. The many phone calls and emails helped to keep me sane and focussed, I will miss that. All the best to you with your future plans. I know that you will not be able to simply enjoy all the spare time you will have now; you will still be supportive and involved as your heart is in this Order and the GLSA.

My biggest gratitude and thanks goes to my very special wife Jackie. Every Masonic wife has to put up with their husband attending endless meetings, but the wife of a PGM has to put up with a lot more. Add to that the fact that I am just not clever enough to keep my nose out of the Home Owner’s Association, Golf Club Board, and many other things, she definitely deserves a medal for not only tolerating it, but being right beside me every step of the way.
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RW Bro Johan van der Merwe



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**Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2023 / 2024**

Office	Member
Provincial Grand Master - Eastern Division	RW Bro J van Der Merwe
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro IO Ezeuduji
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro H Selzer
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro MJ Mc Kelvey
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro AJ Pover
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro Swart
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro SJ Jacobs
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro SJ Jacobs
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro BE Lamprecht
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro RE Verheijen
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro GJ Jordan
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro CT Potgieter
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro JM Viljoen
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro BE Lamprecht

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling as at December 2023

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Neerlandia	31	1922	Rossburgh, Durban	3rd	Tue	June	Sat
Dromedaris	77	1957	Recess				
Theophilus	107	1971	Recess				
Meerensee	118	1975	Empangeni	3rd	Thu	April	Sat
Mngeni	134	1986	Recess				
First United	140	2008	Rossburgh, Durban	1st	Thu	October	Sat
Isandlwana	141	2013	Recess				

Lodge	e-mail
Neerlandia	neerlandia@grandlodge.co.za
Dromedaris	dromedaris@grandlodge.co.za
Theophilus	theophilus@grandlodge.co.za
Meerensee	meerensee@grandlodge.co.za
First United	firstunited@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Neerlandia	Wor Bro AJ Pover	Wor Bro SJ Jacobs
Dromedaris	Wor Bro MJ McKelvey	
Theophilus	Wor Bro R Swart	
Meerensee	Wor Bro M Viloen	Wor Bro IO Ezeuduji
First United	Wor Bro H Seltzer	RW Br J van der Merwe



MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA and Brethren of Lodge President Burgers at the ED AGM



RW Bro N Klein convalescing after his major operation.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika

Eastern Cape Division / Oostelikekaap Afdeling

2022/2023

Retiring Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester



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**Acting Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester
2023/2024**



RW Bro / SV Bro R GILLMER

**Provincial Grand Lodge - Commissioned Officers
Provinsiale Grootlosie - Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraers**

**Deputy
Provincial Grand Master**

**Adjunk
Provinsiale Grootmeester**



Wor Bro J LIDDERD



Wor Bro IF HETHERINGTON



Wor Bro PN WEST

**Annual report of the retiring Provincial Grand Master.
Eastern Cape Division. 2022/2023.**

Having stepped down in July this year to accept the position of Assistant Grand Master, I think it's fitting for me to summarize my time as PGM. It started in 2015 when I was DPGM and made acting PGM for a year. It was our fear at the time that this was a temporary measure, and many believed the future of the Eastern Cape Division was in jeopardy. We had no funds; membership was on the decline and the membership was aging. It was Wor Bro Louis Wolsink, Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren and myself who went about turning things around. It was time for hard work and level heads. We got through the year and I was installed as PGM by MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM.

It was a time of growth and Lodge Tolerance and Lodge Sonheuwel were consecrated and Lodge De Vereeniging was relocated to Port Alfred. I was guided by MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM and MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA through those troubled waters and into a period of growth. I thank and honour them for their support and trust in me.

Under the guidance of MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA we have purchased and consecrated

a new Temple in Port Elizabeth and started a new Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at Jeffery's Bay. Sadly the Covid Pandemic stifled our progression and after steadying the boat, we are again back on track.

During my time as the PGM of this Division I have served three Grand Masters, MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM, MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM and MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA. All three lead the GLSA well and I am proud to have served under them. I served along side 4 PGM's from the Northern Division, 2 from the SD, 3 from the CD and 3 from the ED and clearly it was time for change.

MW Bro Godfrey Place has chosen well in selecting Wor Bro Ric Gillmer as my successor I give him my wholehearted support and wish him well for the future. The ECD is in good hands. I would be remiss in my duty not to thank all the Brethren of the Eastern Cape for their loyalty and support. Their effort has enabled us to develop and grow and now have the unbelievable pleasure of having this magnificent building as our home, a fact we are all so proud of.

During most of my term of office I had Wor Bro M Terblanche as my PG Sec as well as DPGM, a man of great character and persistent effort. In developing the Temple I have seen his skill a carpenter, electrician, painter and blacksmith. His continued dedication and commitment to Freemasonry is way and above the call of duty. He is a great mason and a great friend.

The person with me the whole step of the way was Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren. His support was essential to the development of the Province and without his effort and dedication things may have been quite different. I thank them both from the heart of a Freemason.

The future of the PGL ECD is safe hands I know that our new PGM will work tirelessly to promote Freemasonry as it is a major part of his life. He has great ideas and a strong enough will to ensure it happens. Wor Bro James Lidderd, the new DPGM is a very serious and dedicated Freemason and is a great asset for GLSA and will work hard to increase membership and make the masonic experience both a

development of character and fun, as it should be.

They will be assisted by Wor Bro Paul West and Wor Bro Ian Hetherington, both experienced and dedicated Brethren who, I am sure, will grow and develop Freemasonry and our Province and working together as a team, the sky is the limit. I wish you all well for the future and you have my full support and trust and do not be afraid to consult me if any doubt exists about policy. I will always be a GLSA Freemason, working to promote our Order and our Nation. South Africa has never needed Freemasonry more. South African freemasonry must be seen to be an important part of our National Community and we must strive to be the moral compass this Nation needs to restore itself back to a Nation that is law abiding, protective and caring. A Land where good people thrive and bad people are caught and punished. SMIB

RW Bro K Hutton OSM

The Inaugural Report of the Newly Installed Provincial Grand Master. Eastern Cape Division. 2023

MW, RW, VW, Wor BB, and Brethren all, I am absolutely overwhelmed with emotion as I sit here in the East. To see the temple so full of Brethren is a feeling that I find difficult to put into words.

I stand before you today, with a profound sense of humility and honour as the new Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Cape Division. This position carries with it a great weight of responsibility and I am acutely aware of the trust and confidence that has been placed in me.

I wish to begin by expressing my heartfelt appreciation to my predecessor, RW Bro Keith Hutton OSM. Your dedication and hard work has left an indelible mark on our province. You often say that Freemasonry comes from the heart and it has been mirrored by your selfless service as the Past Provincial Grand Master for the past 7 years as you continue to be an inspiration to us all. I am deeply honoured to have had the privilege of learning from you and carrying forward the torch that you have lit and so diligently held. It is with your great foresight

and enthusiasm that the PGL of the ECD today has its own beautiful building that so many Freemasons from different constitutions can now call home.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to our Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place. Your commitment and enthusiasm for our order and your visionary leadership in such a short period have set a very clear precedent for all of us to follow. Your guidance and support so far has been invaluable, and I am genuinely thankful for the opportunity to serve during your term as Grand Master.

Leaders often have a trusted right-hand man who plays a pivotal role in their success, much like the Lone Ranger had Tonto, Sherlock Holmes had his Dr John Watson and King Arthur had Sir Lancelot.

These loyal sidekicks are more than just supporters; they are confidants, advisors, and often, the unsung heroes behind the scenes.

Wor Bro Marius Terblanche, you are my right hand man. No, our Tonto, Dr Watson, and Sir Lancelot. Thank you for your incredible work behind the scenes as PG Secretary and caretaker of our Masonic Home. Your hand is visible in every nook and cranny. May you be blessed with good health and prosperity for many years still to come.

To the newly invested PGL officers, especially Wor BB James Lidderd, Paul West and Ian Hetherington. Your chains and collar jewels are not rewards for your past deeds but should serve to remind you of our sacred tools, the square, the level, and the plumb.

The square teaches us to square our actions, the level an emblem of equality and the plumb, a symbol of integrity. Brethren will now look up to you, to create best versions of themselves.

The Grand Master in his inaugural address, underscored the urgent need for Freemasonry to embrace change in response to the rapidly changing world. He recognized that the World we live in today bears little resemblance to the past and traditional institutions, like ours, are grappling with the challenge of staying relevant in a modern society.

Freemasonry in South Africa will have to adapt and change. The World and society have changed and so must we. We must remain relevant and be foremost in people's minds when thinking of charity and virtuous deeds.

The Grand Master is a result driven man and there are certain targets that has been set and successes to be achieved. RW Bro Tom Hardiman is at the forefront of helping us launch a recruitment drive like Eastern Cape Freemasonry has not seen the likes of yet.

We are soon going to start with construction of an outdoor braai area. Wor Bro Ian Hetherington will be arranging a motorbike exhibition and I am sure after the successful musical recital recently, we will have many more musical shows in this building to display her natural acoustics.

To my esteemed colleagues from the Sister Divisions, RW Bro Red de Pontes, Bro Craig Jessop and part of the furniture, RW Bro Bob Sandells, thank you for your past and continued support. We look forward to supporting you in your various Masonic endeavours. SMIB

RW Bro R Gillmer.



Installation of RW Bro R Gillmer, PGM of the ECD in November 2023

Eastern Cape Division / Oostelike Kaap Afdeling
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2023 / 2024

OFFICE	NAME
Acting Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro R Gillmer
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro J Lidderd
Assistant Provincial Grand master	Wor Bro IF Hetherington
Assistant Provincial Grand master	Wor Bro PN West
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro HS Rademeyer
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro C de Vos
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro JJC Lidderd
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro MJ Terblanche
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro Gillmer
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro DA Nienaber
Provincial Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro H Buys
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro IF Hetherington
Provincial Grand Ambassador	RW Bro K Hutton OSM
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro NP van Vuuren
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro D Meyburgh
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro VA Tabanelli
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro KR Kirwin
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Royal Protea	Wor Bro VA Tabanelli	Wor Bro MR Hiles
Tolerance	Wor Bro S Blauw	RW bro KJ Hutton OSM
Sonheuwel	RW Bro R Gillmer	Wor Bro DM Stander
Jeffreys Bay	Wor Bro HAB Snyman	Wor Bro JJC Lidderd



Lodge Jeffreys Bay. 2023



Losie Sonheuwel 2023



Lodge Royal Protea 2023

THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH AFRICA



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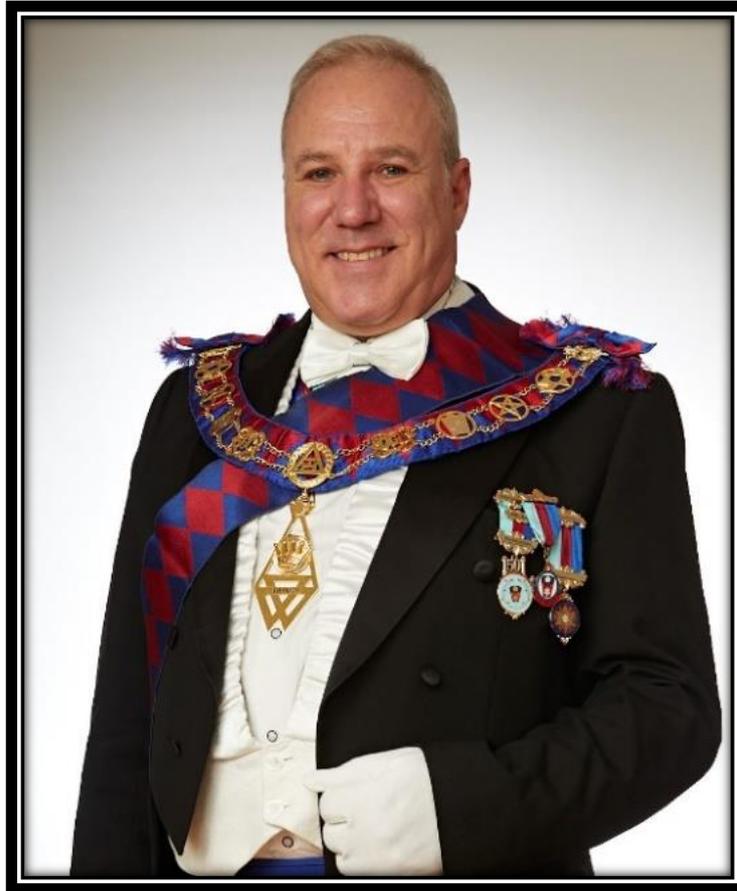
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First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal



Commissioned Officers of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter



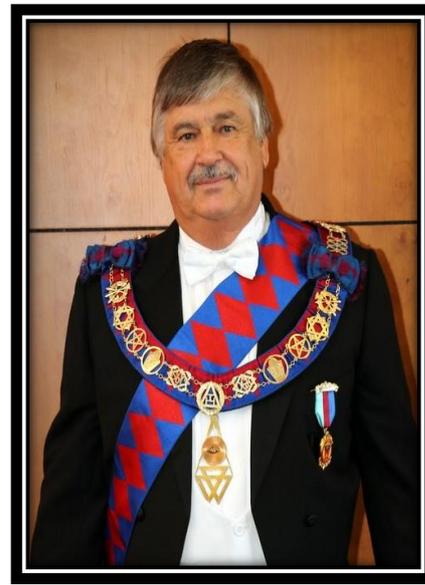
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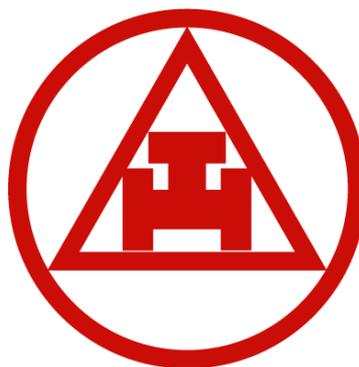
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MEC / SVM EA Bronner**

**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.**

03 June 2023 / 03 Junie 2023

At /te Orange Grove Masonic Complex, Johannesburg



Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions, it is my honour and privilege to deliver this, my second annual report as the First Grand Principal of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. We are blessed to have certain Past First Grand Principals still with us and I again wish to acknowledge them and express my sincere

thanks to them for their continued support, advice and encouragement, namely MEC Petrus Naude MSA, MEC Alfred Rhoodie, 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 senior Companions, directly and indirectly, continue to contribute to the growth, progress and stability of this Supreme Grand Chapter.

Companions, I welcome you to this Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter. I trust that you enjoyed the Rededication Ceremony to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Chapter Fidelity, the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Northern Division and, of course, the installation of the new Grand Superintendent, MEC Marius Mostert, this morning. I thank you most sincerely for your attendance at this annual convocation and as we will be holding a formal mixed banquet in the refectory this evening, I trust that we will have the opportunity to spend some more quality time with you there.

GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COMMITTEE

We have continued to hold regular and successful Grand Committee meetings via zoom, which has enabled the members of the Grand 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 again thank the Grand Scribe Ezra, 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.

For this new year, I have appointed the following Companions as Chairmen of the following Committees:

MEC Avron Jacobson MSA – Constitution and Regalia

MEC Johannes Britz MSA – Ritual (including Ritual Excellence)

MEC Leslie Martin – Royal Ark Mariners and Cryptic Councils

MEC Brandon Topham – Public Relations and Membership

MEC Alf Bronner – What is Royal Arch Freemasonry events

MEC Bernard Neuhaus – Foreign Relations

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTERS AND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

I sincerely thank both the Grand Superintendents, MEC Brian Masencamp in the Northern Division and MEC Mahmoud Patel in the Southern Division and their Provincial Grand Chapter Officers for all their hard work during the past year. Both Superintendents have however been struggling with health problems and we had agreed that MEC Masencamp will retire and it was my pleasure to appoint the Deputy Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division, MEC Marius Mostert, in his stead and who I installed as such this morning. I have likewise appointed the Provincial Grand Second Principal, MEC Louis van der Linde, as the Acting Grand Superintendent in the Southern Division until further notice.

During April 2023 we consecrated a new Royal Arch Chapter in the Eastern Cape, being Chapter Jeffreys Bay. Most of the members belong to Lodge Jeffreys Bay, no 145 on the register of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Lodge and Chapter work in the recently renovated and dedicated Masonic temple, which is situated on the beach and about 50 meters from the sea. The consecration of this Chapter was a momentous occasion for Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Eastern Cape and I again thank MEC Keith Hutton OSM, the Assistant Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division and all the Companions in the Eastern Cape and especially of this Chapter for their commitment and dedication and I look forward to the growth of Royal Arch Freemasonry in this part of our country.

During May 2023 Chapter De Goede Kaap in Cape Town held a very successful introduction to Royal Arch Freemasonry for Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons and I encourage other Chapters to do likewise. The Grand Lodge of South Africa offers a wonderful and enlightening Masonic journey for all its members, which includes becoming a member of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa and of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa.

During the past year, several of our Royal Arch Chapters exalted two Companions at single convocations in order to catch up with the

backlog which was caused by the Covid pandemic. I thank all the Companions for their hard work in this regard and I am confident that this enthusiasm will bode well for the future. I again congratulate all the new Principals who have been installed in our Chapters and I wish you well.

ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES AND CRYPTIC COUNCILS

The education, insight and advanced knowledge which every member of this Supreme Grand Chapter can acquire through their membership of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and the Cryptic Councils is unparalleled and I again invite all members of the Grand Lodge of South Africa to read the relevant section in your Masonic Book of Life in this regard. For the members of the Supreme Grand Chapter who may not be members of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, I invite you to request a copy of these documents from your Provincial Grand Scribes Ezra. I am confident that the mere summary of these interesting degrees, which is contained therein, will sufficiently pique your interest. I have again requested 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 intend re-introducing the Royal Ark Mariner and Cryptic Council Orders in the Free State, Eastern Cape and KWA-Zulu Natal Provinces and I have appointed the Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Leslie Martin, to pay special attention to this. I am confident that as more and 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. We presently have 17 Royal Arch Chapters, 5 Cryptic Councils and 3 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. I remind you that we have new sets of Royal Ark Mariner regalia which may also be purchased through the Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Lodge's online shop.

SECRETARIAL AND FINANCE

I am truly blessed to have MEC Louis van der Linde as the Grand Scribe Ezra and MEC Dawie van Rooyen as the Grand Treasurer. I thank you two worthy Companions most sincerely for all your hard work and I commend

you for your ever readiness and availability to render assistance and advice to all who request you to do so.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

I introduced special Awards of Excellence at my installation and at the annual convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter in October 2022 I presented such an award to MEC Dawie van Rooyen for the exemplary discharge of his duties as the Second Grand Principal and the Acting Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Chapter and his general availability to assist at any Chapter, Lodge and Council.

I presented a similar award to MEC John Harmse for the exemplary discharge of his duties as the Grand Master of Ceremony and for his faithful commitment to the Royal Arch Chapters Fidelity and De Broederband, the Fidelity and Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Councils and the Eendrag Maak Mag Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.

I presented a similar award to EC Dino Kyriasis for the exemplary discharge of his duties as the Assistant Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern Division and for his faithful contribution to the Acacia Royal Arch Chapter, the Acacia Cryptic Council and the Acacia Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.

I presented a similar award to EC Marius Terblanche for the exemplary discharge of his duties as the Provincial Grand Third Principal of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Southern Division and particularly as the Scribe Ezra of Chapter Fiat Lux in the Eastern Cape.

I will again be presenting such awards to certain worthy Companions at this year's annual convocation.

RITUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Last year I requested the Grand Superintendents to promote ritual excellence in our Chapters, Lodges and Councils and I thank MEC Johan Britz MSA for all his hard work in determining the scoring thereof. We anticipate following the model used by the Grand Lodge with regards to awarding lapel pins and jewels for ritual excellence and we will be encouraging our members during this year to participate in this program and I will be delighted to be able to

make such awards at the Annual Convocation next year.

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 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.

AWARD FOR THE 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 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. Last year I presented the floating trophy to Companion Michael Shackleton in the Northern Division. This has been an inspiration for others to emulate and we have received several recommendations for this award this year.

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 continue to share the same vision, objectives and aim.

I am particularly pleased that RW Bro Godfrey Place, the Grand Master Elect, is a member of our Supreme Grand Chapter, that RW Bro Brandon Topham, the Deputy Grand Master, is the Second Grand Principal and that the Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division, RW Bro Simon Nash, was recently

exalted in Chapter Fidelity. Several other senior Craft Brethren are also senior Companions of this Supreme Grand Chapter. They all know and understand Royal Arch Freemasonry and I have no doubt that this will ensure an even stronger bond between these two Masonic Orders.

Over the past few years the Grand Lodge yearbooks have prominently featured our Royal Arch Order and I trust that the Grand Master Elect will continue with this practice as the Supreme Grand Chapter is an important and integral part of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

In order to promote and expand our foreign relationships, I attended the installation of the new Grand King of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, MEC Charles Olden, in Dublin during January 2023. They were very pleased that our Supreme Grand Chapter was represented at this auspicious event and he was thrilled with the Grand Lodge 250 year Heritage Book which I presented to him as our gift. Ten other foreign Supreme Grand Chapters also attended this event and apart from the exposure which we received, it was most interesting and enlightening to discuss matters of mutual interest with the other First Grand Principals and senior Companions. The First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Netherlands, MEC Ad van Doorn, informed me that they would be celebrating their centenary in 2025 and expressed the hope that we will be able to attend that event.

Following my visit to Ireland we received a request from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Estonia for recognition, which we are attending to. Their First Grand Principal, MEC Kalle Kuttis, who is also the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Estonia, was particularly interested in the fact that we have the Mark Master Mason and Excellent Master degrees, which are a prerequisite for exaltation to the Royal Arch Degree, in our Royal Arch Order. Both he and the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Greece, MEC Georgios Deligiorgis, have requested copies of our rituals for these degrees.

I thank all Companions for continuing to promote our Supreme Grand Chapter by

purchasing and wearing our Royal Arch ties, both navy blue and maroon and the Supreme Grand Chapter's Golden Jubilee jewel, which may be worn with Royal Arch and Craft Lodge regalia.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS

We are truly 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 last year when large numbers of Brethren and Companions of the Sister Constitutions from all over the country attended the main events. The contributions by the members of the Sister Constitutions to the compilation of the Heritage Book have 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.

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.

I thank the Deputy First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA; the Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Leslie Martin; the Second Grand Principal, MEC Brandon Topham; 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 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 enhances our knowledge of Royal Arch Freemasonry, which has often been described as the very root and marrow of Freemasonry, but also our understanding of our Divine Creator.

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.

Pergamus cultores Dei et cives mundi esse et sic adiuva ut locum meliorum reddant omnibus hominibus - Let us continue being worshippers of God and citizens of the World and thereby help to make the World a better place for all persons.

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

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024	
OPPERSTE GROOTKAPITTEL AMPSDREAERS 2023-2024	
The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester	MW Bro / HE Br GS Place
First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM JEH Smith OSM MSA/ODV TVD
Deputy First Grand Principal / Adjunk Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM IA Jacobson MSA /TVD
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Second Grand Principal / Tweede Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM B Topham
Third Grand Principal / Derde Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM EA Bronner
Grand Superintendent / Groot Superintendent (SD/SA)	MEC / SVM LB van der Linde

Grand Superintendent / Groot Superintendent (ND/NA)	MEC / SVM M Mostert
Grand Scribe E / Groot Skriba E	MEC / SVM JP Wilson
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
Asst. Grand Master of Ceremony / Asst. Groot Seremoniemeester	MEC / SVM D Hudson-Lamb
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoofbesoeker	EC / VM D Markantonis
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoeeker	EC / VM I Muthien
Grand Almoner / Groot Aalmoesener	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 JP (Cobis) Wilson

September 2023-

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 / Oud-Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	Lewis N	1986	Past Grand Superintendent (SD)
*	Menego BR	1986	Past Dep First Grand Principal / Oud-Adj Eerste
*	Levin M OSM	1988	Past First Grand Principal / Oud-Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	Van Niekerk A OSM	1988	Past First Grand Principal (Conferred) / Oud-Eerste
*	Kaestner SP	1988	Past Grand Scribe E / Oud-Grootskriba E
*	Gasson SR	1989	Past First Grand Principal (Conferred) / Oud-Eerste
*	Smit HPJJ	1994	Past First Grand Principal / Oud-Eerste Grootprinsipaal

	Naudé JP	2006	Past First Grand Principal / Oud-Eerste Grootprinsipaal
**	Cronje JP	2013	Past Dep First Grand Principal / Oud-Adj Eerste
*	Archer HW	2014	Past Grand Scribe E / Oud-Grootskriba E
	Smith JEH OSM	2018	Deputy First Grand Principal/Adjunk Eerste Groot Prinsipaal
	Jacobson AI	2019	Grand Scribe E / Grootskriba E
	Britz JJ	2022	Past First Grand Principal / Oud-Eerste Grootprinsipaal
*	Deceased / Oorlede	**	Resigned / Bedank

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

**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			Rhodie	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	MMH		2021-2023
*	Low	LA		1998-2001			Van der Linde	LB		2023-
						*	Deceased			
Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling										
*	Burnard	F		1971-1972		*	Rossouw	FP		1998-2000
*	Brink	GG		1972-1975			Cronje	JP	MSA/ TVD	2000-2004
*	Menego	BR	MSA/ TVD	1975-1979			Harris	R		2004-2005
*	Greenman	S		1979-1982			Britz	JJ		2005-2009
*	Wilkins	JJM		1982-1983			Schaum	H		2009-2013
*	Smit	HPJJ	MSA/ TVD	1983-1987			Du Toit	T		2013-2016
*	Esterhuizen	WM		1987-1988		*	Kotze	M		2016-2021
*	Gould	L		1988-1991			Masencamp	BM		2021-2023
*	Menego	BR	MSA/ TVD	1991-1993			Mostert	M		2023-
	Naude	PJ	MSA/ TVD	1993-1998						
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-GROOTKAPPITEL 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				*	Wilkens	JJM		
Past Assistant First Grand Principal / Oud Assistant 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 Assistant 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 Tweedebesoeiker									
	Roodt	F							
Past Grand Third Sojourner / Oud Groot Derde Besoeker									
	Perrow	K					Bothma	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 OFFICERS CONFERRED / OUD GROOTKAPPITEL
AMPDRAERS TOEGEKEN**

Past Deputy First Grand Principal Conferred / Oud Adjunk Eerste Groot Prinsipaal Toegeken									
*	Menego	BR	MSA/ TVD						

Past Assistant First Grand Principal Conferred / Oud Assistant Eerste Groot Prinsipaal Toegeken									
*	Fouche	PS			*	Kaestner	SP	MSA /TVD	
Past Second Grand Principal Conferred / Oud Tweede Groot Prinsipaal Toegeken									
	Franks	RA			*	Watkinson	P	MSA /TVD	
*	Staal	FB							
Past Third Grand Principal Conferred / Oud Derde Groot Prinsipaal Toegeken									
*	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 Conferred / Oud Groot Skriba E Toegeken									
	Ingle	E				Markantonis	J		
Past Scribe N Conferred / Oud Groot Skriba N Toegeken									
*	Blitz	J				Spalding	DH		
*	Hollevoet	PFM			*	Wentzel	R		
	Smit	P							
Past Grand Master of Ceremony Conferred / Oud Groot Sereniemeester Toegeken									
	Burke	T				Maricich	KA		
	Grant	JA				Mitchell	SI		
	Hutton	K				Topham	B		
	Mostert	M							
Past Asst. Grand Master of Ceremony Conferred / Oud Asst. Groot Seremoniemeester Toegeken									
*	Ziervogel	C							
Past Grand Principal Sojourner Conferred / Oud Groot Hoofbesoeker Toegeken									
	Cosway	DJ			*	van Niekerk	C		
	Hudson-Lamb	DJ							
Past Grand Second Sojourner Conferred / Oud Groot Tweedebesoecker Toegeken									
	Patel	MMH				Terblanche	M		
	Hiles	M				Van Vuuren	N		
Past Grand Third Sojourner Conferred / Oud Groot Derdebesecker Toegeken									
*	Correira	AM			*	Opperman	D		
	Lotter	M			*	Stevens	AJ		
	Wilson	C							
Past Grand Sword Bearer Conferred / Oud Groot Swarddraer Toegeken									
	Davies	GA				Macdonald	M		
	East	JJ				Macpherson	H		
*	Ioannou	M				Russell	WJ		
	Kruger	M				van Wyk	V		
Past Grand Banner Bearer Conferred / Oud Groot Vaandeldraer Toegeken									
	Botha	TJGV							
Past Grand Janitor Conferred / Oud Groot Deurwagter Toegeken									
*	Mocke	J							

**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
3	Unie	ND	Welkom	1st Sat	May, 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	1st Sat	Feb, 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 (Recess)	ND	Kinross		
15	Fidelity	ND	Orange Grove	4th Mon	Every Month excl. Dec
16	De Goede Kaap	SD	Cape Town	3rd Wed	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
23	Brixton 790	ND	Kensington	1st Wed	Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Dec
24	Acacia 231	ND	Pretoria	3rd Mon	Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct
25	Golden Thistle 245	ND	Orange Grove	2nd Tue	Jan, Apr, Jul

26	St Andrew 647 (Recess)	ND	Relocating		
27	Amajuba 316	ND	Secunda	2nd Wed	Apr, Jul, Oct
28	Jeffreys Bay	SD	Jeffreys Bay	4th Sat	Feb. Apr, Aug, Nov

CRYPTIC COUNCIL DETAILS / BESONDERHEDE

Cryptic Council No	Cryptic Council Name	Division	City/Town	Meeting Days	Meeting Months
2	Belville	SD	Cape Town	4 th Tue	Feb, May, July, Oct
6	Eendracht Maakt Mag	ND	Krugersdorp	5 th Sat	Months with 5 Sats
15	Fidelity (Recess)	ND	Orange Grove		
23	Brixton 790	ND	Kenzington	1st Wed	May & 5 th Wed Jul
24	Acacia 231	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 790	ND	Kenzington	1st Wed	Mar, Jul,
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	S Rogovsky	LB van der Linde	(082) 787 5718
3	Unie	4 th Sat, Jan	A Bronner	JJ Britz MSA	(071) 682 1608
4	Dromedaris	Recess			
5	Johannes Truter	1st Thu, Sep	W Schultz	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	PA Pretorius	(083) 396 1695
13	Horeb	3rd Sat, Sept	S de Kock	M Mostert	(083) 320 3169
14	Witbank	Recess			
15	Fidelity	4th Sat, Aug	I Huntly	A Tshabangu	(073) 676 5813
16	De Goede Kaap	3rd Wed, Nov	A Costopoulos	G Edwards OSM	(083) 330 0083
23	Brixton 790	1st Wed, Oct	M de Jager	R Franks	(082) 458 4767
24	Acacia 231	3rd Mon, Aug	K Smith	M Gray	(082) 336 9964
25	Golden Thistle 245	3 rd Sat, Oct	P Rigopoulos	P Smit	(082) 337 1160
26	St Andrew 647	Relocating			
27	Amajuba 316	Last Sat, Jan	Paul Smit	BI Wickens	(082) 490 5368
28	Jeffreys Bay	4th Sat, Apr	H Rademeyer	J Lidderd Snr	(083) 602 8332

CRYPTIC COUNCIL OFFICERS / AMPSDRAERS

Council No	Cryptic Council Name	Installation Day & Month	TIM	Recorder Name	Recorder Contact No
2	Belville	4th Tue, Oct	L van der Linde	S Rogovsky	(074) 299 8105
6	Eendracht Maakt Mag	1st 5th Sat of year	J Harmse	M Mostert	(083) 320 3169
15	Fidelity	Recess			
23	Brixton 790	3rd Tue, Jan	M de Jager	R Franks	(082) 458 4767
24	Acacia 231	Joint in Pretoria	D Kyriazis	M Gray	(082) 336 9964

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	4th Tue, Aug	L van der Linde	S Rogovsky	(074) 299 8105
23	Brixton 790	1 st Wed, Nov	W Ackerman	R Franks	(082) 458 4767
24	Acacia 231	Joint / Kensington	D Kyriazis	M Shackleton	(066) 043 0155

THE ABRIDGED HISTORY OF THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands introduced Freemasonry to South Africa during 1772 with the formation of Lodge De Goede Hoop in Cape Town. This was the first Freemason's Craft Lodge to be established in South Africa and is the oldest operating Lodge in existence in the Southern Hemisphere. During 1811 the first Craft Lodge under the English Constitution was established in South Africa, being the British Lodge in Cape Town. In 1860 the first Craft Lodge under the Scottish Constitution was established in South Africa, being Lodge Southern Cross in Cape Town. Both these Lodges, as well as many others, owe their formation to the Netherlandic Constitution in South Africa in general and to the members of Lodge De Goede Hoop in particular. The De Goede Hoop temple was constructed during the period 1800 to 1803 and has been the venue for the celebration of countless Masonic events and the consecration of many

Lodges, Chapters and Masonic Orders in South Africa during the past 216 years.

The first Royal Arch Chapter in the Netherlands was formed during 1949, following a request by the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England to do so. Notwithstanding this, certain Royal Arch Chapters under the English, the Scottish and the Irish Constitutions already existed in South Africa by such date and many Netherlandic Freemasons were members of these Chapters. During 1950 certain members of Lodge Mutual in Cape Town, which fell under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, requested the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern Division to submit a request to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands seeking permission to form a Royal Arch Chapter in Cape Town under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands.

Permission was duly granted during 1951 for the formation of Royal Arch Chapters in South Africa under the newly established Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands. The members of Lodge Mutual thereupon resolved to form Chapter Mutual and proposed three of their members, who had attained the Royal Arch degree in one or more Chapters of the Sister Constitutions, being Worshipful Brothers HL Sumner, FV Ryan and J Domnisse to be the first Most Excellent Zerubbabel, the first Excellent Haggai and the first Excellent Joshua respectively of the new Royal Arch Chapter.

A petition to form Chapter Mutual was duly prepared and signed by RW Bro JG Rose (the Deputy Grand Master National of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands in South Africa), RW Bro CG Botha (the Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division) and the Worshipful Brethren TA Murray, P Clouts, HL Sumner, FV Ryan, AS Hooper, FH Kenneth-Watts, LH Croxford, JHS Hofmeyer, SD Shargey and HW Gibson, who thereupon became the founding members of Chapter Mutual and consequently Royal Arch Freemasonry under this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

As the Netherlandic Royal Arch rituals were still in the process of being translated into English, it was resolved that Chapter Mutual would use the rituals of the Scottish Constitution and the Scottish Royal Arch Chapter Southern Cross readily agreed to lend their regalia, their rituals and all other necessary equipment to Chapter Mutual until it could acquire its own.

On 28 May 1953 Chapter Mutual was duly consecrated in the De Goede Hoop temple and the abovementioned Principals were installed as such. The ceremony of consecration and installation was performed by MEC JG Rose, who also held the rank Deputy First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands. He was assisted by MEC CG Botha, who also held the rank of Deputy Second Grand

Principal and other high ranking Royal Arch Freemasons from the English and the Scottish Constitutions. Chapter Mutual thereafter commenced working in the Suburban temple in Rondebosch.

Shortly thereafter and also during 1953, Chapter Bellville was consecrated in the new Masonic temple in Bellville. Chapter Unie was later consecrated during 1958 in the Spitskop Masonic center in Bloemfontein and it commenced working in Bultfontein. During 1961 all but one Netherlandic Lodge resolved to form the Grand Lodge of South Africa, which was consecrated in Cape Town during that year. As a result of subsequent discussions between the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, Chapters Mutual, Bellville and Unie were eventually removed from the roll of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands on 30 June 1967 and were placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1968 the members voted to amend its Constitution to give the Grand Lodge the right to confer the additional degrees of Mark Master Mason and Excellent Master Mason in its three Royal Arch Chapters. The Regulations for the proposed Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa were approved and the three Craft Divisions, being the Southern, the Northern and the Central Divisions donated sufficient money for the formation of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The proposed rituals for the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Excellent Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason had been prepared and were sent to the local Sister Constitutions and to the Supreme Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands for their information.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa was duly consecrated on 30 August 1969 in this De Goede Hoop Temple. The presiding officer was MEC JEA Salem, the District Grand

Superintendent of Rhodesia. The then Grand Master, MW Bro E Conradie, became the first First Grand Principal of this newly consecrated Supreme Grand Chapter. To assist him with this task, the position of Pro First Grand Principal was established and RW Bro H Daleboudt, the Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division, was appointed to this position. He thereafter translated the ritual of the Royal Arch degree into Afrikaans.

By the end of 1970 MEC Daleboudt had retired as the Pro First Grand Principal due to his appointment as an Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and MEC JJ Strauss was appointed as the Pro First Grand Principal in his stead. Four additional Chapters were consecrated, namely Chapter Dromedaris in Durban, Chapter Johannes Truter in Worcester, Chapter Eendrag Maak Mag in Johannesburg and Chapter Koh – I – Noor in Pretoria.

During 1971 it was resolved that the Supreme Grand Chapter would form three Divisions, namely the Southern Division covering the Western and the Eastern Cape Provinces; the Central Division covering the Orange Free State and the Natal Provinces and the Northern Division, covering the Transvaal Province. The following Companions were appointed as the first Grand Superintendents of these Provincial Grand Chapters, namely: MEC N. Lewis in the Southern Division, MEC F. Burnard in the Northern Division and MEC B. Parks in the Central Division.

By the end of 1972 a new ritual for the Excellent Masters' degree had been approved and the following seven Chapters had been consecrated, namely Chapter Fiat Lux in Port Elizabeth, Chapter Eastern Free State in Marquard, Chapter De Broederband in Pretoria, Chapter Royal Protea in East London, Chapter Orange in Rustenburg, Chapter Horeb in Krugersdorp and Chapter Witbank in Witbank. By the end of 1975 the following Chapters had been consecrated namely, Chapter Fidelity in

Johannesburg, Chapter De Goede Kaap in Cape Town, Chapter Parys in Parys, Chapter Suiderlig in Bellville and Chapter Jubileum Oranje Nassau in Cape Town. This latter Chapter was given dispensation to work in the Dutch language as all its members were Dutch speaking.

By the end of 1983 the Supreme Grand Chapter had approved a past MEZ jewel and the Royal Arch Companion jewel. Chapter Johannes Truter in the Southern Division had relocated from Worcester to Paarl and Chapter Saamwerk had been consecrated in Pietermaritzburg. MW Bro S Gasson had retired as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and MW Bro G Groenewald had been elected and installed his stead.

From 1969 to 1983 the Grand Master had also occupied the position of the First Grand Principal. As a result of discussions between the members of the Grand Committees of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa, the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter were amended during 1983 which had the effect that the Grand Master would be the titular head of the Supreme Grand Chapter with the rank of ex officio Honourary First Grand Principal. It was further agreed that the Grand Master would thereafter wear his official Grand Master's regalia to all meetings of the Supreme Grand Chapter when he was on an official visit. The members of the Supreme Grand Chapter would be entitled elect their own First Grand Principal and MEC JJ Kroukamp, who had been the Pro First Grand Principal since 1978, was duly elected and installed as the First Grand Principal of this Supreme Grand Chapter.

During 1985 the Supreme Grand Committee introduced the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) to be awarded to any Companion who was in good standing and who had rendered exceptional service to Royal Arch Freemasonry. The Supreme Grand

Chapter Regulations were duly amended and the first MSA was awarded to MEC JJ Kroukamp.

By the end of 1985 two new Chapters had been consecrated, one in the Northern Division being Chapter Colin Graham Botha in Nigel and one in the Central Division, being Chapter Unity in Bloemfontein. During 1986 Chapter Makalani was consecrated in Grootfontein, Namibia and the Supreme Grand Committee received a request from Chapter Parys to change its name to Chapter Sam Greenman in honour of one of its long serving members and a past Grand Superintendent, who had recently passed away. During this year the MSA was awarded to MEC N Lewis and MEC BR Menego.

During 1988 MEC M Levin OSM was elected as the First Grand Principal and the first two Cryptic Councils were consecrated, namely the Bellville Cryptic Council in Bellville and the Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Council in Johannesburg. The first two Royal Ark Mariner Lodges were also consecrated, namely the Eendrag Maak Mag Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Johannesburg and the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Cape Town. During this year the MSA was awarded to MEC M Levin OSM, MEC A van Niekerk OSM and MEC SP Kaestner.

During 1989 Chapter Moria was consecrated in Ventersdorp and the newly amended Aldersgate Royal Arch Ritual, as used by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, was adopted as the ritual which this Supreme Grand Chapter would also use and which is still in use, subject to certain amendments made thereto to ensure that it complied with the Regulations of this Supreme Grand Chapter. During this year the MSA was awarded to MEC S Gasson OSM.

During 1991 MEC HPJJ Smit was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal and by the end of 1992 Chapter Oosterlig had been consecrated in Germiston.

During 1994 the Supreme Grand Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary in the De Goede Hoop temple and the then First Grand Principal, MEC N. Rudman, specifically thanked MEC Duckworth, the Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Chapter of the English Constitution and MEC Allwick, the District Grand King of the Irish Constitution for their exceptional and continued support of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa. The MSA was awarded to MEC HPJJ Smit at this occasion.

During 1997 MEC AAR Alexander OSM was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal. He was succeeded by MEC PJ Naude in 2000. During 2004 Chapters Mutual and Bellville celebrated their Golden Jubilees in Cape Town. During this year the Provincial Grand Chapter, Central Division was integrated into the Northern Division and all Chapters in the Free State and the Kwa – Zulu Natal Provinces still fall under the jurisdiction of the Northern Division. During 2005 the Pro First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands visited South Africa and, at the installation of Chapter De Broederband in Pretoria, he conferred the rank of Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands in South Africa on the then First Grand Principal, MEC JP Naude.

During 2006 MEC AGA Rhodie was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal and by the end of this year Chapter Orange and Chapter Fiat Lux were the strongest Chapters in the Northern and the Southern Divisions, respectively. The Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division, MEC G. Sumner, was honoured by being requested by the English Constitution to attend to the installation ceremony of the first Supreme Ruler of their newly consecrated Secret Monitor Conclave in Cape Town. During this year the MSA was awarded to MEC JP Naude.

During 2008 the Supreme Grand Chapter introduced an information pamphlet on Royal Arch Freemasonry, which was to be presented to all newly raised Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of South Africa to encourage them to consider becoming Royal Arch Freemasons. It further approved a guide for newly elected Most Excellent Zerubbabels to assist them to lead their Chapters during their term of office.

During 2009 MEC N Klein OSM was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal. He was succeeded by MEC WF Prentzler in 2012 and he awarded the MSA to MEC J Cronje during 2013 and to MEC H Archer during 2014. During 2015 MEC JJ Britz was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal. During this year the Fidelity Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was consecrated in Johannesburg and the current amended rituals for the degrees of Mark Master Mason and Excellent Master Mason were approved and introduced.

Shortly thereafter the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of South Africa determined that the First Grand Principal would be entitled to wear his full Royal Arch regalia to the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Lodge to confirm the close relationship which exists between the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa. The first dedicated office space for the Supreme Grand Scribe E was further established in the De Goede Hoop Masonic complex in Cape Town, which has proved to be most successful.

Although several Chapters have, during the past more than 50 years, been forced to return their Charters for a variety of reasons, the following Royal Arch Chapters, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Cryptic Councils were consecrated during 2018 in the Northern Division following their resignation from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, namely Chapter Acacia in Pretoria, Chapter Brixton in Kensington, Chapter Golden Thistle and

Chapter St. Andrew in Orange Grove, Chapter Amajuba in Secunda, the Acacia Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Pretoria, the Brixton Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Kensington, the Acacia Cryptic Council in Pretoria and the Brixton Cryptic Council in Kensington.

During 2018 the current Regulations for this Supreme Grand Chapter were approved and introduced and the MSA was awarded to MEC JEH Smith OSM. During 2019 the Supreme Grand Chapter celebrated its Golden Jubilee and held its Rededication Ceremony in the De Goede Hoop Temple in Cape Town. Its guests included the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, MW Bro David Duncan OSM. Representatives of several foreign Supreme Grand Chapters were in attendance including the First Grand Principal of the Netherlands, MEC Van Doorn, who gave an interesting address on the history of Royal Arch Freemasonry in South Africa from their perspective. MEC A Jacobson was awarded the MSA on this occasion.

During 2020 Chapters Eendrag Maak Mag, Johannes Truter, Dromedaris and Koh-i-Noor were prevented by the World – wide Covid Pandemic from celebrating their Golden Jubilees, which then took place during 2021. After completing two terms of office as the First Grand Principal of this Supreme Grand Chapter, MEC JJ Britz retired in 2021 and MEC JEH Smith OSM MSA, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, was elected as the First Grand Principal. He was installed during February 2022 at which event he presented the MSA to MEC JJ Britz.

Chapter Unie was reopened in Parys in the Free State during August 2022 and is working in Welkom. During April 2023 Chapter Jeffreys Bay was consecrated in Jeffreys Bay, Eastern Cape Province. During June 2023 Chapter Fidelity celebrated its Golden Jubilee and MEC B Masencamp retired as the Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. The First Grand Principal appointed and

installed MEC M Mostert as the Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. During September 2023 MEC M Patel retired as the Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division and the First Grand Principal appointed and installed MEC

LB van der Linde as the Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division. During November 2023 Chapter De Goede Kaap celebrated its Golden Jubilee and installed its newly elected Principals and Officers.

Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling



**MEC / SVM Mahmoud Patel
Grand Superintendent /
Groot Superintendent
Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling
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PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER – SOUTHERN DIVISION



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Dear Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place; First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA; Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions all. On behalf of the Grand Superintendent, MEC Mahmoud Patel, a cordial greeting and a warm fraternal welcome is extended to those distinguished Craftsmen and Companions who honour us by their presence this morning. As the Acting Grand Superintendent, a special word of welcome to the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, to his first Provincial Grand Chapter Annual Convocation as the newly installed Grand Master in July this year. A special welcome to the First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA and the delegation of Supreme Grand Chapter; the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division, MEC Marius Mostert on his first visit as the Grand Superintendent to this Division's Annual Convocation since his Installation in June; the Distinguished visitors from our Sister Constitutions and all other Visitors and Companions here today.

Due to the unfortunate ongoing ill health of our Grand Superintendent, MEC Mahmoud Patel, it was necessary for the First Grand Principal to appoint me on 25 April 2023 as the Acting Grand Superintendent. Fortunately, I can report that due to the grace of the "GREAT I AM", MEC Patel's health is slowly but steadily improving and hopefully he will be able to continue with some Masonic activities in the

new year. He conveys his thanks and appreciation to all Companions, and the very best wishes to all Companions and their families. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

During the past Masonic year the Chapters have all been busy and all Chapters have admitted, advanced and exalted Candidates. Generally, there is a positive energy in the Chapters. Attendance in some Chapters are a concern, but this was overcome by Chapters assisting each other in time of need. Chapter Mutual and Chapter De Goede Kaap are a good example of this and have assisted each other at most of the workings in the past year. This has been good as the standard of workings were improved and with the constant guidance and knowledge imparted by MEC John Smith OSM MSA, we all learned much.

Installations were held at Chapters De Goede Kaap and Mutual in November 2022 and the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers all performed well in their new appointments.

The 2022 year ended by the usual Excellent Masters' Degree at Chapter Johannes Truter in Worcester, which is dubbed the "Christmas Working" and at the Festive Board, the start of the Festive Season was celebrated. The evening was well attended, and Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter were in attendance.

In April 2023 Chapter Jeffreys Bay no 28 was consecrated with 10 members in a beautiful Ceremony conducted by the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Installation was conducted by MEC Marius Mostert and the Companions of the PGC SD. The Installation was of a very high standard and I thank the Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division, MEC Marius Mostert, for assisting us by being the Installing First Principal on the day. It must be mentioned that Chapter Jeffreys Bay has since grown to 16 members, many of which are in attendance today.

Chapter De Goede Kaap held a "What is Royal Arch Freemasonry" open meeting to all Craft members on 31 May 2023 and this attracted several new candidates.

On 03 June 2023 we attended the Annual Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division in Orange Grove, and it was an honour to witness the installation of MEC Marius Mostert as the Grand Superintendent in the North.

On 7 September 2023, the Installation of Chapter Johannes Truter took place in Worcester followed by an enjoyable Formal Festive Board.

At all these occasions mentioned above, it was a most enjoyable experience to meet with so many of my Companions who are largely responsible for the success of Royal Arch Freemasonry. The cordial receptions, generous hospitality and delightful friendliness on all occasions has left me many pleasant memories. A huge thank you to all involved in the arrangements of the different events. I am looking forward to visiting you again. A safe journey to all of you that will be traveling back home.

Today our Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC Cobis Wilson will start his new Sojourn as the Grand Scribe Ezra and I would be remiss not to thank him sincerely for his dedication in this Provincial Grand Chapter and I can assure him of our support in his new role. As a result, I have appointed EC Stephane Rogovsky as the Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, being a member of special talent and as soon as he is Installed as the Most Excellent Zerubbabel of Chapter Mutual in November, I will obligate and invest him as the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra.

After long inactivity, I can report that both the RAM and Cryptic Council are up and running, with the Installation of the Cryptic Council having taken place on 25 July 2023 in a

ceremony conducted by MEC John Smith OSM MSA. The RAM installation is scheduled for 28 November 2023.

My sincerest appreciation and thanks to our First Grand Principal, MEC John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA; the Deputy First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, the Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Les Martin and the Past Grand Superintendent, MEC Dawie van Rooyen for all your support and advice.

Administration:

Our administration was in the very capable and excellent hands of Excellent Companion Cobis Wilson. We were in daily contact and we were able to respond to the administration, invitations from Sister Constitutions and requests for dispensations, much quicker. We were also able to provide the Chapters the Certificates such as RA Exaltation Certificates, Affiliation Certificates, MEZ Certificates on time. Chapters have now started to request those regularly and on time and the previous backlog has been cleared.

Finances:

My sincere thanks to MEC Dawie van Rooyen for his excellent management of our Finances. Our finances are on a sound basis and this Division has paid all its dues. We have made a R5000,00 donation to the Spring Ball fund for the Masonic Homes project.

Chapters Overview:

As at September 2023 membership is as follows.

RA 108 + RAM 12 + Cryptic 15 = Total 135, being a growth of 4 members since 2022.

Chapter Mutual No1

Full: 18, MSA: 1, Hon: 1

Chapter Johannes Truter No5

Full: 13, Hon: 20

Chapter Fiat Lux No8

Full: 12, Hon: 0

Chapter De Goede Kaap No16

Full: 21, MSA: 1, Hon: 0

Chapter Jeffreys Bay No 28

Full: 16.

De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No16

Full: 7, MSA 2, Hon: 2.

Bellville Cryptic Council No2

Full: 11, MSA 2, Hon: 2

Sister Constitutions:

The relationship with our Royal Arch Sister Constitutions (English, Irish and Scottish) and the District Mark Master Masons of the 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 Louis van der Linde
Acting Grand Superintendent (SD)

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

Office Name	Officer	Amps Naam
Grand Superintendent	Louis van der Linde	Groot Superintendent
Deputy Grand Superintendent	Keith Hutton OSM	Adj. Groot Superintendent
Asst. Grand Superintendent	Vacant / Vakant	Asst. Groot Superintendent
Second Principal	*(Cobis Wilson)	Tweede Prinsipaal
Second Principal	Marius Terblanche	Tweede Prinsipaal
Third Principal	James Lidderd Snr	Derde Prinsipaal
Third Principal	Malcolm Gessler	Derde Prinsipaal
Scribe Ezra	*(Stephane Rogovsky)	Skriba Esra
Scribe Nehemiah	Andri Binedell	Skriba Nehemia
Scribe Nehemiah	Nowellyn van Vuuren	Skriba Nehemia
Treasurer	*(Dawie van Rooyen)	Tesourier
Master Of Ceremonies	*(Mark Hiles)	Seremoniemeester
Master of Ceremonies	Hilton Oates	Seremoniemeester
Master of Ceremonies	Frank Begot	Seremoniemeester
Principal Sojourner	Hendrik Rademeyer	Hoof Besoeker
Second Sojourner	Steven Botha	Tweede Besoeker
Third Sojourner	Vacant / Vakant	Derde Besoeker
Almoner	*(Andre Germishuys)	Aalmoesenieer
Sword Bearer	Vacant / Vakant	Swaard Draer
Standard Bearer	Vacant / Vakant	Vaandel Draer
Janitor	Winston Shultz	Deurwagter

*Acting

Inaugural Address by MEC Louis Bernard van der Linde as the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter Southern Division



Introduction

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent First Grand Principal, Distinguished Companions of our Sister Constitutions, Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions All.

What a privilege it is to be installed as the Grand Superintendent of Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Southern Division. I have now stepped into the shoes of eminent predecessors such as Most Excellent Companions Alf Rhoodie, Bill Prenzler, Graham Sumner, Braam van Zyl, Tony Low, Brian Carstens, Dawie van Rooyen and Mahmoud Patel. I have often sat with them in Chapter and have had some great discussions

with them. I also have the greatest respect for them. Although some have sadly passed on, we are blessed to still have some with us and all have served this Division, which of course includes the Eastern Cape, with distinction.

What a privilege it is to have been installed by the First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, whom I look up to and who has been a role model to me in both the Craft and in Royal Arch Freemasonry and I thank you most sincerely for this opportunity to lead this Division.

As the Grand Superintendent I am not the Ruler of this Division but merely one of the Custodians thereof who must ensure that I leave it behind better than I received it for the future generation of Companions who will take over our stations. I will therefore try to lead this Division to the best of my ability. The focus areas of my term will be increasing Membership and Attendance, streamlining the Administration, improving the Record keeping, better Representation at our Sister Constitutions and creating an Esprit de Corps.

Membership

Active recruiting of new members will be ongoing and the “What is Royal Arch Freemasonry” open events will be held at least once a year. Currently, about 45% of the Craft members of the Southern Division are members of the Royal Arch Order. Unfortunately, the attendance of Chapter meetings is the real problem with an attendance rate of only 50%-60% and one of the biggest challenges will be to find ways to encourage members to attend more regularly.

Administration and Record keeping

I intend to streamline the paperwork by creating templates for all documentation. This will enable the Provincial Grand Scribe E to easily edit, copy and paste. All documentation will be saved on the Cloud and will no longer be on the PGSE’s personal computer’s hard drive where we risk losing all this information. We will also work closely with the Grand Scribe E to ensure the database of our members is complete and updated to ensure that should we require any

information for a member, it can easily be found. I plan to write a Standard Operating Procedure document for the Provincial Grand Scribe E, the Chapter Scribes E and the Records of our Cryptic Council and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, outlining their duties and what administrative procedures must be followed.

Representation at Sister Constitutions

We will improve the fraternal relations with our Sister Constitutions and the acting Provincial Grand Scribe E and I will compile a calendar or roster with all the Installation dates of the Chapters, RAM Lodges, Cryptic Councils and Mark Lodges of our Sister Constitutions and we will appoint Officers of our Provincial Grand Chapter to attend these events. All Officers will know well in advance when they will be representing this Provincial Grand Chapter.

Esprit de Corps

A Google search defines Esprit de corps as a feeling of loyalty and pride that is shared by the members of a group who consider themselves to be different from other people in some special way. Another definition is the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honour of the group.

It seems that some Chapters have become satisfied with lower standards as many of our Companions wear old second aprons with badges and triangles which are falling off and sashes which are frayed. Certain Provincial Officers wear Principal aprons with red tassels and triangle backgrounds when we are supposed to wear aprons with blue tassels and blue triangle backgrounds. When a candidate is admitted to the Mark degree, some Chapters don’t have an apron available, or the ritual book or the Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter, or the Bylaws of the Provincial Grand Chapter or even the by-laws of that Chapter. When a candidate is exalted, some Chapters sometimes give him an old and worn apron and sash. Coupled with this, some Chapters conduct ceremonies where the members are unprepared

or absent for the working which results in a sub-standard experience for the Candidate.

The time has come to shine like a new penny. This Provincial Grand Chapter will purchase a full set of collars for its Officers with the correct Jewels. The Grand Committee has recently approved the purchase of new Companion and Principal aprons and sashes. It has also approved the purchase of new Provincial aprons and sashes with the blue tassels and blue triangle backgrounds. All PGC Officers will have to purchase a set which they will wear in Chapter and on PGC Callouts. New Companion aprons and sashes will therefore soon be available for purchase by the Chapters which can be supplied to Companions at their Exaltation. The Principals and Past Principals of Chapters will also be able purchase new Principal's Aprons and sashes. Companions, we should be proud of our achievements and our Regalia should reflect that.

As for Ritual improvement in our Chapters, I intend to implement the Ritual Excellence Program that Supreme Grand Chapter has introduced and encourage all members to participate and earn a Ritual Excellence lapel pin or jewel. If we learn our rituals, we will not only better understand them ourselves, but the Candidates will receive a more meaningful experience.

Soon the Best Chapter, Council and RAM Lodge of the year program will be implemented and we will encourage all Chapters, Councils and Lodges to compete for the award. I am confident that it will assist our Chapters,

Councils and Lodges to identify their shortcomings and will inspire them to improve on their performances. Many of our Chapters do not have Banners and we will encourage them to finalize the design of their banner so that it can be made. I have no doubt that the Chapters will then proudly display their Banner at their workings. Let us also clean up our equipment and take our Robes to the laundry.

Future

Our Companions in the Eastern Cape are eager to reopen a Cryptic Council and a RAM Lodge there and we are as eager to assist them in this regard.

Conclusion

This Provincial Grand Chapter team is a strong one and I will hold each member to a high standard as we continue to uphold and maintain the Dignity and Reputation of this Provincial Grand Chapter. We will also continue to obey the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Africa and we will, at all times, set an example. I have appointed four new Officers to this Provincial Grand Chapter. All these Officers are originally from other Constitutions and their knowledge and enthusiasm is a bonus to this Division. For us to improve this Division, I will rely on all the PGC Officers to assist me.

Companions, let us focus on making a contribution rather than on achieving some personal gain or reputation. SMIB

MEC LB van der Linde
Grand Superintendent



*Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Division and the Installation of MEC Louis van der Linde as the Grand Superintendent
16 September 2023*

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling

PROVINIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER – NORTHERN DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**MEC / SVM Brian Masencamp
Grand Superintendent /
Groot Superintendent
Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling
2021-2023**

Most Worshipful Brother and Most Excellent Companion John Smith OSM MSA, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa; Most Excellent Companions; Excellent Companions and Companions All.

Into everyone's life a little rain must fall but as I write this report, my life has had a deluge but I know that by the Grace of the MOST HIGH and more especially with the support and brotherly love of the Companions, I will overcome.

The year started on a high note with a very successful Annual Convocation which was held at the Wilgers Masonic Centre in

Pretoria during June 2022. I would like to thank all the Companions who attended and made it a great day. Congratulations to MEC Dino Kyriazis on your promotion to Assistant Grand Superintendent and to all the Officers in the Provincial Grand Chapter. The Golden Jubilee Rededication Ceremonies were also performed on this day for Chapters Orange and Koh-I-Noor. Well done to these two Chapters on reaching this milestone. Unfortunately Chapter Witbank was not able to receive their Rededication Charter on the day as all their Members were not able to attend due to Eskom power problems as all the members are working at SASOL and were on standby. A big thank you to Penny Schutte for the delicious platters at the festive board, our stomachs were well taken care off.

The Chapters in this Division are doing very well and we have garnished a lot of new members. I have unfortunately had the unpleasant duty of having to place Chapter St. Andrews and Chapter Dromedaris in recess. Chapter Koh-I-Noor has amalgamated with Chapter Acacia to form one strong Chapter so therefore Chapter Koh-I-Noor is also in recess at this stage. This took place due to the fact that both Chapters meet at the same Temple and meet a week apart from each other.

The highlight of the year was the reopening and Rededication of Chapter Unie No. 3 in August 2022. This Chapter had been dormant for 13 years and with the assistance of the First Grand Principal who was assisted by MEC Louis Van Der Linde, EC Cobis Wilson, MEC Johan Britz MSA and MEC Alf Bronner, we reopened this Chapter in Parys, however their meetings will all be held in Welkom. We have to date advanced 10 new members in this Chapter in the degree of Mark Master Mason with

more new members waiting to join this Chapter, which is going to go from strength to strength.

Chapter Horeb also celebrated their Golden Jubilee with a Rededication ceremony in September 2022. I have spoken to Companions in Margate on the South Coast about the feasibility of moving Chapter St. Andrews down there, but this does not seem viable as all the Brethren belong to an English Royal Arch Chapter and opening another one will not work at this stage. I therefore want to place Chapter St. Andrews in Vereeniging and let them do their work in Afrikaans as there are two Afrikaans speaking lodges there and only a single Royal Arch Chapter under the UGLE. I have attended meetings held under both the English and the Irish Constitutions and have always been very well received and have learned a lot from their workings.

It was a pleasure to attend the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter in Cape Town during October 2022 as well

as being invited to the Craft Chains Conference in Bloemfontein during March 2023.

The finances of the Northern Division are well controlled by MEC Brandon Topham and his dear wife Mari, for which I thank you both. EC Emile Van As, I thank you for your work and dedication as the PG Scribe E. I must also thank the following Companions for their help and support during this trying year: MEC John Smith OSM MSA, MEC Johan Britz MSA, my deputy MEC Marius Mostert, EC Dino Kyriazis, EC Emile Van As and all the PGRAC Officers and Companions. I also thank TTALGMH for giving me the strength to enjoy what I love doing and my dear wife, Lorinda, for ALWAYS being there for me and supporting me.

To my successor, MEC Marius Mostert, I wish you a long and successful reign and remember that I will always be there to support you.

MEC Brian Masencamp.
Grand Superintendent – ND



MEC Marius Mostert
Grand Superintendent of the
Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter
Northern Division
Installed : June 2023

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

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Grand Superintendent	Marius Mostert	Groot Superintendent
Dep. Grand Superintendent	Dino Kyriazis	Adj. Groot Superintendent
Asst. Grand Superintendent	Gerald Bosch	Asst. Groot Superintendent
PG Second Principal	Huntly Macpherson	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Second Principal	Michiel Victor	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Third Principal	Marianus De Jager	PG Derde Prinsipaal
PG Scribe Ezra	Xavier Greyling	PG Skriba Esra
PG Treasurer	*Brandon Topham	PG Tesourier
PG Scribe Nehemiah	Ian Huntly	PG Skriba Nehemia
PG Master of Ceremonies	Vacant	PG Seremoniemeester
Asst. PG Master of Ceremonies	Kevin Smith	Asst. PG Seremoniemeester
PG Principal Sojourner	Simon Nash	PG Hoof Besoeker
PG Second Sojourner	Reyaan Uys	PG Tweede Besoeker
PG Third Sojourner	Vic Kumm	PG Derde Besoeker
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Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division and the Installation of MEC Marius Mostert as the Grand Superintendent

03 June 2023



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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL
ARCH CHAPTER HELD ON SATURDAY, 03 JUNE 2023 IN THE ORANGE GROVE
TEMPLE AT 14h00.**

Present:

	SGC	Chapter	Cryptic Council	Ram Lodge
MEC John Smith OSM MSA De Goede Kaap		FGP	De Goede Kaap	Bellville
MEC Johan Britz MSA	PFGP	Horeb	Eendracht Maakt Mag	Acacia
MEC Leslie Martin	AFGP	Johannes Truter	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Dawie van Rooyen	2 nd GP	Johannes Truter	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Alf Bronner	3 rd GP	Horeb		
MEC Brian Masencamp	Past GS ND	Horeb	Eendracht Maakt Mag	
MEC Louis van der Linde	GSE	Mutual	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
MEC Brandon Topham	2 nd GP	Acacia		
EC Cobis Wilson		De Goede Kaap	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
EC James Lidderd SNR		Fiat Lux/Jeffreys Bay		
EC Hendrik Rademeyer		Fiat Lux/Jeffreys Bay		
MEC Mathieu A Lawson	SGRAC	Benin - DFGP		
MEC Marius Mostert	GS ND			
MEC Olie Edwards	P 3 rd P			
MEC Jacques Markantonis	GSN			
MEC Paul Smit	GSN			
MEC Rex Ingle	GSN			
MEC Ray Franks		Brixton	Brixton	Brixton
MEC Vernon van Wyk	PAGMC			
EC Eugene Steenkamp	AGMC			
EC Steynberg de Kock	AGMC			
MEC David Hudson-Lamb	AGMC			
EC Demos Markantonis	PS			
EC Ignatius Mutien	2 nd Soj			
EC Andre Germishuys	G Almoner			
EC Gerald Bosch	PGC ND DGS			
EC Dino Kyriazis	PGC ND AGS			
EC Marianus de Jager	PGC ND 2 nd P			
EC Huntley MacPherson	PGC ND 3 rd P			
EC Cobis Wilson	PGC SD 3 rd P	De Goede Kaap	Bellville	De Goede Kaap
EC Ian Huntley	MEZ	Fidelity		
EC Simon Nash		Acasia		
EC Reyan Uys				
Comp Brandon Lok				
Total 38				

Apologies:

MEC N Klein OSM – Past FGP
 MEC P Naude MSA – Past FGP
 MEC G Edwards OSM – Past FGP (Conferred)
 MEC A Jacobson MSA – Deputy FGP & TIM Belville Cryptic [proxy L vd Linde (x2)]
 MEC L Martin – Assistant FGP [proxy L vd Linde]
 MEC E Doucas – GMC
 MEC B Neuhaus – Past TGP
 EC F. Begot – MEZ Chapter Mutual [proxy L vd Linde]
 EC M. Gessler – MEZ Chapter De Goede Kaap [proxy L vd Linde]
 EC M Hiles - MEZ Chapter FiatLux [proxy L vd Linde]
 EC H Oates - MEZ Chapter Johannes Truter [proxy Lvd Linde]
 EC R. Bothma – Past 3rd GSoj
 Comp M. Shackleton
 MW Bro. Anastasios Albanis – GM of GL of MMM of Greece.
 MEC Dr Joseph Morrow – FGP of SGRAC of Scotland.
 MEC James Carswell – FGP of SRAM of Alberta
 MEC Keith Goulding – GHP of SRAM of Newfoundland and Labrador
 MEC Fabio Venzi – FGP SGRAC Italy
 MW Bro HRH Prince Michael of Kent – GM of the GL of MMM of England
 MEC Ian Hodgson – FGP of SGRAC of Queensland
 MEC Ad van Dooren – FGP of the SGCofHRA of Netherlands
 MEC Paraag Suchak – FGP of GCRAM of Ontario
 MEC Timothy Yates – FGP of SGRAC of New Brunswick
 MEC Jean-Pierre Rollet – FGP of the SGC of RAM of France
 MEC David Glen – GSE of SGRAC Western Australia
 REC Troy Le Blanc – FGP of GCRAM of Saskatchewan
 MEC Dennis Waller – FGP of SGRAC of New Zealand

1. All Companions below the Rank of Provincial Grand Chapter entered the Temple at 13H50.
2. All Provincial Grand Chapter Officers and the Representatives of the Sister Constitutions entered the Temple at 13h55.
3. All Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, except the three Principals, entered the Temple at 14h00.
4. The First Grand Principal, the Second and Third Grand Principals entered the Temple and opened the Supreme Grand Chapter Annual Convocation in due form at 14h05.
5. The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, received the Representatives of the Foreign Delegations at 14h10 being SGC of Benin - MEC Lawson, the Deputy First Grand Principal.
6. Notice of Meeting - The Grand Scribe E, MEC Louis van der Linde, read the Notice Convening the Convocation.
7. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Superintendent of the PGC ND, MEC Marius Mostert, 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. 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.

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.

11. Obituaries - The First Grand Principal requested that all Companions stand and face the East and adopt the Sign of Reverence. Obituary was called for the following Companion who had passed, namely:

MEC Harry Archer – Past Grand Scribe E

The Last Post and Reveille were then played.

12. Minutes of the previous Annual Convocation - The Grand Scribe E proposed that, as the minutes of the previous annual convocation held on Saturday, 15 October 2022 had been circulated on 27 October 2022 and re-circulated on 20 April 2023, that they be taken as read. This was seconded by MEC Brandon Topham.
13. The First Grand Principal called for the minutes to be signed and placed on record, which was done.
14. Matters arising - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the convocation held on 15 October 2022.
15. Financial Report – The Supreme Grand Treasurer, MEC Dawie van Rooyen, presented the annual financial report and proposed its adoption. This proposal was seconded by MEC Brandon Topham and as there were no objections, the financial report was adopted.
16. MEC Dawie van Rooyen proposed that the Annual Capitation Fees for the Supreme Grand Chapter be increased as follows with effect from 1 January 2024:
 - a. The Capitation fee for the Royal Arch Order will be increased to R300,00 per member.
 - b. The Capitation fee for the Royal Ark Mariner Order will be increased to R150,00 per member.
 - c. The Capitation fee for the Cryptic Council Order will be increased to R150,00 per member.

This proposal was seconded by MEC Alfred Bronner and as there were no objections, the Supreme Grand Capitation fees for 2024 were duly adopted.

17. FGP Annual Report – As the Grand Scribe E had circulated the 2022 / 2023 annual report of the First Grand Principal to all members on 31 May 2023, the First Grand Principal merely highlighted certain items thereof. The annual report was also published in the Annual Convocation booklet. MEC Brandon Topham thereafter thanked the First Grand Principal for his comprehensive report and proposed that it form part of the minutes of the annual convocation. This proposal was seconded by MEC Alfred Bronner. The First Grand Principal's Annual Report is attached hereto as Annexure A.
18. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Scribe E to propose the amendments to the SGRAC Regulations. The Grand Scribe E reported that no proposals for amendments were received or tabled at the Supreme Grand Committee Meetings.
19. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Scribe E to read the names of the appointed Supreme Grand Chapter Officers for 2023 / 2024.

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OFFICERS FOR 2023 / 2024**

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 Louis van der Linde
Grand Superintendent ND	MEC Marius Mostert
Grand Scribe Ezra	MEC JP Wilson
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Jacques Markantonis
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Paul Smit
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	MEC Rex Ingle
Grand Treasurer	MEC Dawie van Rooyen
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
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	MEC David Hudson-Lamb
Grand Principal Sojourner	EC Demos Markantonis
Grand Second Sojourner	EC Ignatius Mutien
Grand Almoner	EC Andre Germishuys

The First Grand Principal instructed the Grand Master of Ceremony to assemble the appointed Supreme Grand Chapter Officers in the West.

20. The First Grand Principal requested the Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz MSA, to obligate and invest the non-commissioned Supreme Grand Chapter Officers with the assistance of the Second and Third Grand Principals. The First Grand Principal then presented each Supreme Grand Chapter Officer with his Certificate of Appointment.

21. The First Grand Principal called for nominations of members to be elected to the Management Committee for 2023 / 2024 in terms of the Supreme Grand Chapter Regulation 27.2. MEC Dawie van Rooyen proposed MEC Bernard Neuhaus and MEC Brian Masencamp. This proposal was seconded by MEC Johan Britz MSA. As there were no further proposals, these members were duly elected.

22. The First Grand Principal requested the Grand Scribe E to read the names of the Companions who qualify for 25-year service to Royal Arch Freemasonry lapel pins, being the following Companions:
 MEC Tommy Burke – Past Second Grand Principal
 MEC Keith Maricich – Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony (Conferred)
 MEC Vernon van Wyk – Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony
 MEC David Hudson-Lamb – Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony
 EC Huntley Macpherson – Provincial Second Grand Principal (ND)
 EC William Russell – Grand Sword Bearer (Conferred)
 EC Michael MacDonald – Grand Sword Bearer (Conferred)
 EC John East – Past MEZ Chapter Acacia
 Comp Jimmy Little – Past MEZ Chapter Acacia

The First Grand Principal presented the 25-year lapel pins to the following Companions who were present:

MEC Vernon van Wyk

MEC David Hudson-Lamb
EC Huntley Macpherson

The First Grand Principal requested MEC Brandon Topham to present the 25-year lapel pins to those Companions who were absent at the next suitable meeting.

23. The First Grand Principal presented the SGRAC of SA Scribe E of the Year Award, being a certificate and a floating trophy to EC Dino Kyriazis for the excellent manner in which he performed the duties of the Scribe E of Chapter Acacia 231.
24. The First Grand Principal attended to the first rising and thanked the Past First Grand Principal, MEC JJ Britz MSA, for his attendance. He then thanked the Deputy First Grand Principal of the SGC of Benin for his attendance. He, in turn, brought the fraternal greetings from his First Grand Principal, MEC Eustache Kotingan. Gifts were then exchanged. The First Grand Principal then thanked the Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter for attending.
25. The First Grand Principal attended to the second rising and thanked the Grand Superintendents of the Northern and Southern Divisions for attending and all the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers. He thereafter thanked the Senior Representatives of the Sister Constitutions for attending and their continued support of the SGRAC of SA.
26. The First Grand Principal attended to the third and fourth Risings and thanked all the Chapter MEZ's, the Commanders Noah, the Thrice Illustrious Masters and all the Companions for their attendance.
27. A Charity Collection of R910 was taken while the Companions sang the Offertory hymn.
28. The First Grand Principal and his co-Principals then closed the Annual Convocation and all retired from the Chapter in P, L and H under the direction of the Grand Master of Ceremony.



*Consecration of Chapter Jeffreys Bay no28
15 April 2023*



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, presented the Charter of Chapter Jeffreys Bay no28 on the roll of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa to the first MEZ, EC Hendrick Rademeyer, at its Consecration

15 April 2023



The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place (center); the First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA (second left); Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter and the Provincial Grand Chapters attending the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Southern Division

16 September 2023



*Members of Chapter Jeffreys Bay no 28 attending the Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Division's Annual Convocation in Cape Town
16 September 2023*



*The Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division with his Acting Second Principal MEC Cobis Wilson and Third Principals, EC James Lidderd Snr and EC Malcolm Gessler
16 September 2023*



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, with the Pro – First Grand Pricipal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, MEC Peter Lowndes, at the installation of the Grand Superintendent of the Central Free State (English Constitution)



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, with certain of the visiting First Grand Principals and senior Officers who attended the installation of the Grand King (Irish Constitution) in Dublin during January 2023



*Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz MSA, presents the Volume of the Sacred Law, gifted by MEC Bernard Neuhaus on behalf of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mauritius to the First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA.
03 June 2024*



*The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, receives a gift from the Deputy First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin, MEC Matthieu Lawson.
03 June 2023*



*Left to Right: Deputy First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin, MEC Matthieu Lawson; Second Grand Principal, MEC Brandon Topham OSM; First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA; Third Grand Principal, MEC Alf Bronner
03 June 2023*



*Past First Grand Principal, MEC Jahan Britz MSA, with the gift presented by the Deputy First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin, MEC Matthieu Lawson.
03 June 2023*



*Chapter Brixton-790 no23 Royal Arch Exaltation for Comp Ludovico Paoli
7 June 2023*



*Chapter Acacia-231 no24 Royal Arch Exaltation for Comp Howard Masenya, Comp
Brendan Hamer, Comp Jacques van Wyk and Comp Samuel Zwane
19 June 2023*



*Chapter Fidelity no15 Royal Arch Exaltation for Comp Leroyd Bergsteedt and Comp Allen Tshabangu.
26 June 2023*



*Chapter Mutual no1 Mark Master Mason degree for Bro Levieux Molegwa and Bro Tony Monzoto
26 July 2023*



*Chapter Brixton-790 no23 Excellent Masters degree for Comp Andrew Randston.
02 August 2023*



*Chapter Unie no3 Excellent Masters Degree for (left to right) Comps A Laerman, J Cambanis, J v Vuuren, F Human, A Prinsloo, J Meyer and A Macgilivaray.
12 Aug 2023*



*Chapter Acacia-231no24 Installation (Obligate and invest MEZ Kevin Smith)
21 August 2023*



*Chapter Brixton-790 no23 Royal Arch Exaltation for Comp Chris De Wet and Comp
Andrew Randston
6 September 2023*



*Chapter Johannes Truter no 5 Installation of EC Winston Shultz as MEZ, EC Steven Botha as EH and EC Des Buckingham as EJ
7 September 2023*



*Chapter Acacia-231 no24 Mark Master Mason Degree for Bro Doctor Derian Echeverri-Molina
16 October 2023*



Brixton-790 no23 and Acacia-231no24 Royal Arc Mariners Lodge Joint Installation(Re-Obligate Bro. & Sir Kt. Constantinos Basil Kyriazis as Worshipful Commander Noah and Most Excellent Chief of the Acacia-231 Lodge and Council No.24.) (Re-Obligate Brother & Sir Knight Willem Ackerman as Worshipful Commander Noah and Most Excellent Chief of the Brixton Lodge and Council.)

01 November 2023



Chapter De Goede Kaap no16 had its 50year Rededication and Installation. (Obligate and Invest EC Alex Costopoulis as MEZ, EC Jonathan Curtis as EH and EC Bradley Bordiss as EJ)

15 November 2023



*Chapter Mutual no1 Installation (Obligate and Invest EC Stephane Rogovsky as MEZ,
EC Anthony van Dijk as EH, and EC Ciryl Engelke as EJ)
27 November 2023*



*De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners Lodge no 16 (Installation of MEC Louis van der
Linde as the Worshipful Commander Noah and Most Excellent Chief)
30 November 2023*



*The Brixton-790 no23 Royal Ark Mariner Lodge conducted a RAM Reception for three candidates, MEC Jacovos Markantonis, EC Demos Markantonis and Comp. Allen Tshabangu. The working for Comp. Allen Tsabangu was conducted on behalf of Acacia-231 no24 RAM Lodge.
06 December 2023*



The Yearly Christmas Festive Board after an Excellent Masters Working of Chapter Johannes Truter no5 in Worchester. This marks the end of all activities in the Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Division for the Year.



*The Cape Town Team at the Big Tree in Tsitsikama on the way back
from the Consecration of Chapter Jeffreys Bay
16 April 2023*



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of South Africa.

Sovereign Grand Commander.



Most Puissant Brother Victor Muhlenbeck 33°



I have the pleasure in presenting the 2023 report of the Supreme Council for South Africa and the AASR ingeneral.

The creed of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite means Order out of Chaos and in the last year this ideal has aspired to test us. Although the COVID pandemic reached its microbial tentacles in all aspects of our lives and took away from us our comfort zones, socially and as an order, we have come out of the chaos and showed resilience in finding alternative ways to maintain our connection and our brotherhood.

What we did not expect was to come to a place at what Kubler-Ross explained as the five stages of grief, when our social cohesion again, was tested with the passing of MP Bro Boet du Plessis, while still in office followed by the tragic loss of M. Ill Bro Paul Nash.

Suffice to say, we as a group, have re-established the order after the chaos. What we as the executive must realise is that these events have conspired to affect our members in the Chapters and Consistories, and for that reason, we have thought it wise to focus on the Despite our misgivings of the future relevance of the Shriners in South Africa, the late M. Ill Bro Paul Nash had, during his lifetime built a committed relationship with them and I am pleased to advise that Ill. Bro Maxwell Matjane has been appointed the Chairman of Shriners South Africa and will the South African chapter

in conjunction with the MAHI Shriners of Florida, USA.

universal priorities of leadership that contribute to an enriching motivating environment, which, in time will again stimulate the exceptional efforts and rewards of a life lead with purpose that we owe to every member and every new candidate, seeking to expand their knowledge and experience of the degrees of the ancient and accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa.

This will only come about if each of us reignite the Masonic ideal of trust, caring, communication, achievement, and ownership.

The pursuit of these ideals will enhance our intent, reputation, culture, and actions, but we need to realise that this will take a sincere effort from every member. To do this, the executive has gone back to basics. We established five working committees, each chaired by an exceptional committed member of the Supreme Council taking ownership of the various disciplines that will contribute to our effective management of the AASR.



M. Ill Bro Simon Nash receiving the Award of Excellence at the 2023 General Meeting of the AASR

One of the fundamentals of any successful organisation is its responsible use of its financial resources and for this singular effort to produce annual financial statements for the AASR for the first time in 2020, after I hiatus since the last confirmed audit in 2017, I have decided to award the Sovereign Grand Commander's Award of Excellence to M. Ill Bro Simon Nash. This has been a herculean task, as the transfer of banking accounts, change of Grand Treasurer, incomplete fiscal recording, and a series of factors, has proved to be problematic in trying to bring some order to this important responsibility.

I must however also highlight the enthusiasm and commitment of M. Ill Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren, in his role as the executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Eastern Cape region. This region has made incredible progress in ritual workings and increasing membership of which 13 of their members are present here today.

As M. Ill. Bro Mahmoud has been under medical care, I have asked him to on a temporary basis, relinquish his role as exSGIG of the Southern Region and I am delighted that V. Ill. Bro Michael Burchell has agreed to take The growth of our relationships with the Branch Councils of England & Wales and Scotland is well attested and we will endeavour to promote and grow these fraternal relations. I am delighted to report that at all inter-visitation meetings, we have been extra-ordinarily well received and made to feel most welcome. We will in the year ahead focus on finding new inspiration and energy to deliver for the members in Chapters and Consistories. who expect from us that direction to harmonise and grow our self-worth as members of the AASR for South Africa.

on that responsibility and I have full faith in him to manage this important region to the best of his ability.

M. Ill Bro Frans Roodt has been appointed as the exSGIG for the North Eastern Region from January 2024 and his wealth of experience will certainly benefit the Region going forward. I must thank him for accepting the appointment

despite his exceedingly busy workload and Masonic endeavours.

I had the privilege to attend the AGM and investiture of the new Sovereign Grand Commander for Germany Most Puissant Bro Alexander Ludwig as the new SGC to the Supreme Council of Germany. It will be of interest to Brethren to know that with some difficulty and perseverance I took with me to Germany the GLSA 250-year Commemorative book and presented this as our gift to the outgoing SGC of Germany, MP Bro Eberhardt Desch, a loyal and supporting friend to our Supreme Council.

The occasion allowed me to re-establish our connections with over 27 foreign supreme councils across the globe. At present Most Illustrious Brother Geoff Edwards, in his role as Grand Minister of State, is already working on re-establishing the fraternal connections between Supreme Councils in Amity, which is such an important feature especially when we are still working at developing our fraternal relations amongst the supreme councils of England and Wales and Scotland in South Africa.



The SGIGs that attended the 4 November 2023 Higher Degrees meeting at Park Lane.

I am delighted to report that in all Regions our Consistories have started inter-visitation with the Scottish and the English Branch Councils in South Africa. This culminated with an invitation to the Annual Sovereign Tribunal meeting of the Branch Council for Scotland on 1 April 2023 in Benoni and an invitation to the Higher Degrees meeting of the Branch Council for England & Wales on 4 November 2023 at Park Lane, Johannesburg.

I acknowledge that the AASR has to also promote and assist Craft Freemasonry and from the numerous conversations I have had with a wide spectrum of our members and Craft

Freemasons, I am proud to call them brother and I commit myself and the executive with a new passion and purpose to making our members proud to call themselves members of the Supreme Council for South Africa.

MP Bro Victor Mühlenbeck 33°



EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2023 / 2024

Office	Name
Sovereign Grand Commander	Most Puissant Bro FMV Mühlenbeck
Lieutenant Grand Commander	Puissant Bro C van Zyl
Grand Secretary General	Most Illustrious Bro H Selzer
Grand Treasurer General	Most Illustrious Bro SP Nash
Grand Minister of State	Most Illustrious Bro GR Edwards M.A.
Grand Chancellor	Most Illustrious Bro BR Topham
Grand Prior	Most Illustrious Bro M Patel
Grand Orator	Most Illustrious Bro R Coenen
Grand Master of Ceremonies	Most Illustrious Bro N van Vuuren
Grand Almoner	Most Illustrious Bro A Bronner

MEMBERS OF TALENT CO-OPTED TO ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE 2023 / 2024

Office	Name
Assistant Grand Treasurer	Illustrious Bro J De Villiers
Membership Administrator	Venerable Bro W Steyl

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 Violett	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	2021-2023	*	M Kotze	2019 - 2021
				BR Topham	2021-2022

Central Region			North Eastern Region		
*	PRJM Brits	1992-2005	*	RW Atkinson	1992-2000
*	GLN Schuitemaker (Acting)	2005-2006	*	GLN Schuitemaker	2000-2007
	JP Conradie	2006-2016		B Chadwick	2007-2011
			*	GLN Schuitemaker	2011-2012
			*	C Inggs	2015-2015
				FCA Roodt	2016-2021
				H Selzer	2022-2023

South Eastern Region		
*	MR Gush	1992-2000
	AG Smith	2000-2009
*	GLN Schuitemaker (Acting)	2009-2011
	L Wolsink	2017-2017

PAST EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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

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

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

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

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

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