

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



One of the firepits at the banquet for the 50th Rededication of Lodge Alakalani

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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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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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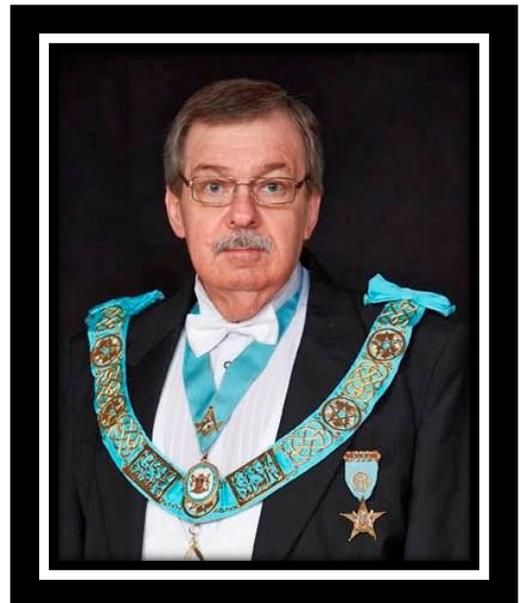
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Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika

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, niteenstaande sy politieke sieninge nie.
- (5) Dat terwyl Vrymesselary onder die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika op hierdie wyse gehoorsaamheid aan die Staat en sy lede se verantwoordelikhede as burgers teenoor die Staat by elkeen van sy lede inskerp, gun die Grootlosie die individu sy eie siening oor sake van openbare belang. Geen lid mag egter in die Losie of ter enige tyd in sy hoedanigheid as 'n Vrymesselaar sy siening oor godsdienstige en of politieke kwessies bespreek of probeer bevorder nie.
- (6) Dat die Grootlosie 'n hoë premie op elke persoon se individualiteit stel asook sy sedelike aanspreeklikheid vir al sy handelinge, die fundamentele gelykheid van alle persone, die universele broederskap van die mens en elke persoon se plig om hom met toewyding tot die welsyn van die gemeenskap te beywer.
- (7) Dat die Grootlosie hom weerhou, tuis en in die buiteland, van enige kommentaar oor sake rakende

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

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

on questions of foreign or domestic State policy, either at home or abroad and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however 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

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 bydra tot 'n vreedsame en armoede vry gemeenskap aan te moedig om lede te word.
- (2) om alle lede aan te moedig om hoë morele en etiese standaarde in hulle daaglikse lewens te handhaaf.
- (3) om elke lid aan te moedig om sy gelowigheid te bevorder en uit te brei en om dit met alle ander persone te deel.
- (4) om 'n goeie man 'n beter man te maak deur hom aan te moedig om die lesse wat hy in DBVDHW, die Rituale en in die Beginsels van die Orde leer, te ken, te verstaan en te beoefen.
- (5) om die ontwikkeling van elke lid se sosiale en gelowige gesindheid aan te moedig om sodoende sy swakhede te kan verstaan en oor te kom.
- (6) om elke lid te bemagtig om die lesse wat hy geleer het in sy gemeenskap toe te pas om dit sodoende te verhef.
- (7) om die konsepte van waarheid, integriteit, broederliefde en liefdadigheid in elke lid te bevorder sodat dit 'n deel word van sy leefwyse.

grant new Charters for new Lodges (and Royal Arch Chapters) at their discretion, until the formation of a "United Grand Lodge of Southern Africa" by the four Constitutions acting by mutual agreement.

- (c) That the existence of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge shall not preclude the establishment in the open territories from time to time by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and their respective District and Provincial Grand Lodges and daughter Lodges of another or other Grand Lodges with sole and sovereign Masonic jurisdiction in the open territories over the Craft and Symbolic degrees within their administration.
- (12) That the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges shall be composed exclusively of men and that every Lodge shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed Lodges or bodies which admit women to its / their membership.
- (13) That the principles of the Ancient Landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed.

Grand Lodge of SouthAfrica.

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 Orde.
- (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.
GROOTLOOSJE 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.

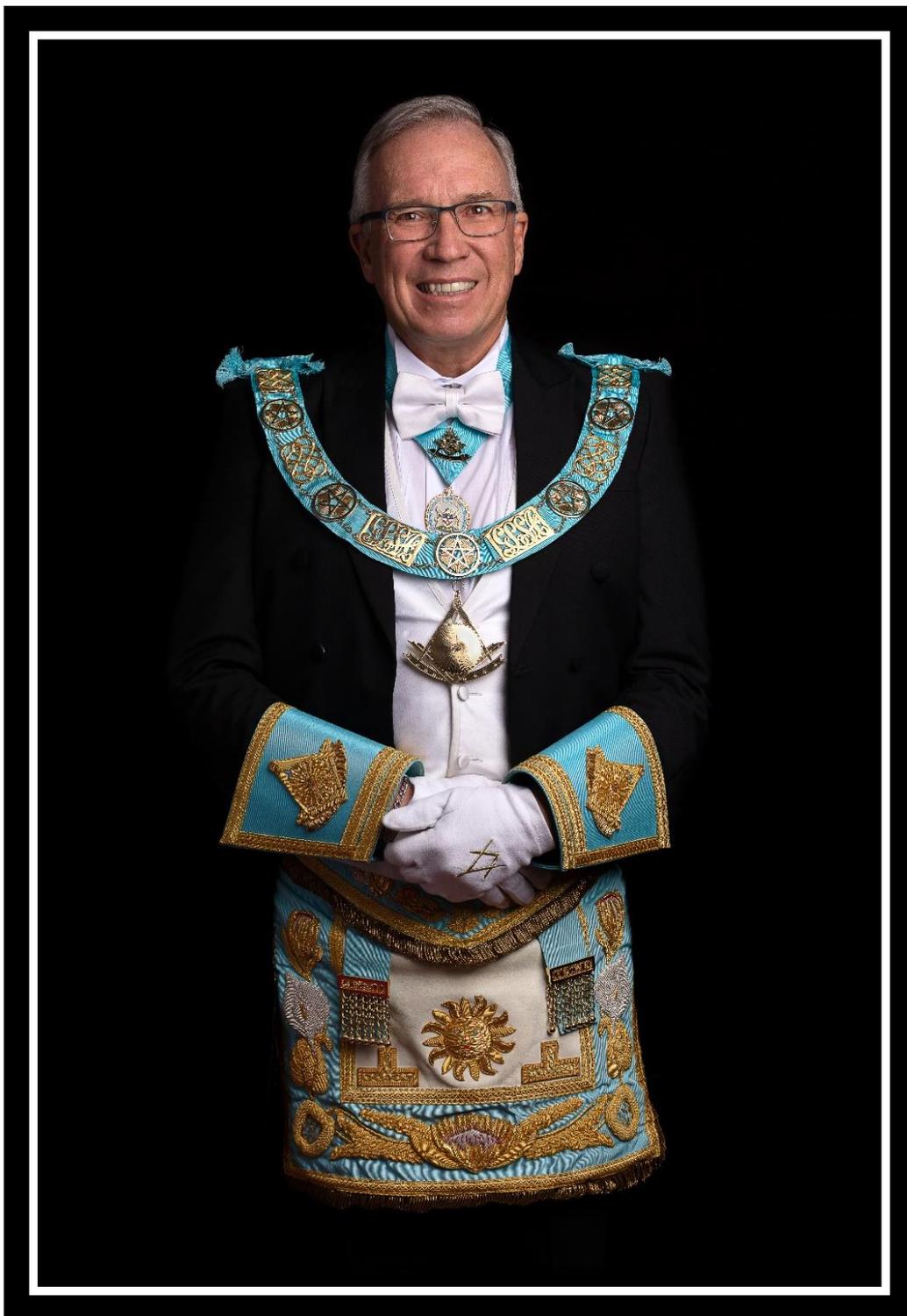
We prioritize the values of tolerance, respect, inclusion, and charitable actions which help our members grow personally and become better men. In this way we as Freemasons continually strive to make a positive impact not only on our members but also on our communities and our country.

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 Grand Master / Die Grootmeester.

**Most Worshipful Bro / Hoogerwaardde 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 OSM.



Bro JCA Roodt.

**Annual Report of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.
Die Grootmeester van die Grootloosie van Suid Afrika se Jaarverslag.
2023/2024**

It is my pleasure to present the Annual report of the Grand Lodge of South Africa for the Masonic year August 2023 to July 2024. This report will be circulated to all members of our Grand Lodge, so it can be read prior to the Annual General Meeting in Cape held in Cape Town on the 7 September 2024. I will address certain aspects of the report at the meeting. The full report will also be published in the Yearbook 2024 and will be available on Grand View.

I believe that to enjoy Freemasonry, we must have fun practicing it. It is said that that doing something which is enjoyable, takes very little effort. There are however times when we are required to attend to things which don't seem like fun and which appear to require a considerable effort, but we must not let those tasks detract from the overall enjoyment of doing and practicing what we love. We continue to reap countless benefits from the GAOTU, often without the realisation thereof.

One of the objectives I set this past year, was to listen to what the membership was saying, to be able to remove stumbling blocks which interfere with their having fun. However, not all "moans" required intervention, but rather a change of perspective.

In the late 19th century Benjamin Disraeli stated that change is both constant and inevitable, and it has never been a truer statement than today when we look at the world around us. It also applies to our various organisations. Although we voluntarily joined our Order, we will gain much knowledge and gain many skills as we progress on our various journeys. What we fail to realise is that the skills and knowledge we acquire, are changing us, hopefully for the better.

LEADERSHIP.

The leadership structure of Grand Lodge has departed from the Annual Leadership

Conference hosted in Bloemfontein to holding “five mini leadership workshops” annually around the country, embracing new ideas and setting goals and targets for the Divisions, as well as Grand Lodge. This is in keeping with the new Grand Lodge ethos identified in the very first of these mini conferences in September last year of “How can we help you?”. It was through this process that we were able to publish the Vision, Mission and Value statement of the Grand Lodge, with these now being displayed in all the venues where we meet.

The Annual Leadership Conference this year held in March in Bloemfontein, addressed a specific aspect, that of a unified acceptance of the roles and responsibilities of lodge officers and with group breakaway sessions where the groups for these sessions were constantly mixed up, led to robust exchange of ideas and experiences. We all know that our experiences in life determine our beliefs, and this was evident in the wide-ranging interpretations of the roles of the various officers in the Lodges. In the end there was a far greater acceptance that Freemasonry as practiced around the Country differs in small ways, and the Provincial Grand Masters were tasked with taking the outcomes of the conference and drafting a common understanding of the roles of the principal officers of the Lodges. This has been completed and the revised roles now published for a common understanding of what is expected of each officer to be able to create an enjoyable environment for our members.

I must thank everyone who participated in these sessions, for the frank and honest debates, and in forging a strong leadership group across all divisions. I thank the Deputy Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Masters for the considerable efforts required in completing this task.

MEMBERSHIP.

An analysis of the membership of the Grand Lodge presented a disturbing picture. Over the past 10 or more years, there has been on average a 7% decline in membership of our Grand Lodge.

We continue to experience an attrition rate which must be arrested. Our fraternity loses as many existing members as we initiate each year. One of the common reasons given for this is economic hardships rendering members unable to pay their dues.

We cannot afford to have this trend continue, and interventions have started to understand reasons for this and methods to be employed to reverse the trend and see positive growth result from our efforts to reverse the negative trend.

Discussions were held with every Provincial Grand Master (and acting Provincial Grand Masters at the time) before my term as Grand Master commenced. They were asked to provide their understanding of what makes a viable division, in terms of finance and membership. All provided plans and budgets for the various divisions. Some targets for membership growth were extremely generous, and in the end every Provincial Grand Master agreed to a target (based on his plan) to grow membership in his Division. The plan looked at areas where growth could happen, which would include the establishment of new Lodges in areas where the Grand Lodge of South Africa currently has no presence (sometimes going back to areas where we had such presence in the past).

Achieving the agreed Grand Master’s growth target would be considered success, achieving his own target would be even better, but failure would be viewed in the appropriate light. The results over the Grand Lodge Masonic year have been in general disappointing as the continued attrition at the end of the financial year occurred. Only One Division was able to meet the agreed growth target.

An analysis of the attrition has provided food for thought. We were blessed to have very few members pass to the Eternal East. Some members have emigrated, but sadly a large number of members were excluded for non-payment of their dues. Some Lodges were carrying far too many members on paper, who never set their feet inside the Lodge, and who failed to pay their dues. We are aware of the financial hardships which our Country faces,

and that some economic areas are affected to a greater degree than others. Losing a member who falls on hard times due to retrenchment, etc. is sad, as there are ways and means that they, together with other members in the Lodge, can raise funds to cover the essential amounts due. We hope that these initiatives are embraced in the course of this year and that such statistics will be no longer reported.

The collection rate in the 2023 financial year was poor, and I must thank the Provincial Grand Masters for working with the Grand Treasurer in recouping much of the money which was not paid by the end of December 2023. Having listened to the members, and fine tuning the billing system, it appears that members are making their payments timeously and interventions are in place where some members are falling behind in their obligations.

Growth targets for the 2024/25 Masonic year have been put in place with performances to be reviewed over the coming year. Results of the Survey completed by our divisions, has provided vital information which will assist us in changing the trend and seeing growth occur.

It was discovered that the applications through the Grand Lodge Website appeared to suffer from a breakdown. An extract of all applications logged between May 2023 and June 2024 yielded some 1211 potential candidates. These were screened and those who indicated the wrong reasons for wanting to join the Order were removed. The screened lists were sorted into Divisions and circulated to the Provincial Grand Masters who have been tasked, together with their leadership group (all Provincial Grand Lodge Officers) to contact suitable candidates with a view to attracting them to the order.

The “push” process on the Website is being reviewed, with a new application form being devised whereby unsuitable candidates are taken out the system before being pushed to the relevant Division for contact and consideration.

RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION.

A review of resources within the Grand Lodge

was undertaken. A concern we identified was that over the past years the intellectual capital of the Grand Lodge had become vested in too few people. This is a great risk to the organisation and steps have been identified to change this. Discussions were held with the Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards, OSM, who carries the bulk of the administrative burden on his shoulders. My thanks go to the Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards, OSM, for his continued support and dedication to numerous aspects of the running of our Grand Lodge and for his support in identifying likely successors to take over the many roles that he performs.

We agreed that a suitable person be identified to assist in the publication of the monthly Square and Compass newsletter. Such a resource was not easy to find, but after discussions with Bro Manny De Freitas, the responsibility of the monthly production of the newsletter has moved off the desk of the Grand Secretary, who still casts his beady eye over this to endure accuracy of information therein. Bro Manny De Freitas has introduced a fresh new look to the Square and Compasses publication.

The Grand View system and the administration thereof has also been reviewed. Ideas are being formulated to remove the requirement to double or triple handle information. Such interventions will not be implemented until they have been thoroughly reviewed and tested, and thanks again goes to the Grand Secretary for maintaining the system. Access to the back end of the system is required to understand how data is managed in the system, and how we can integrate our processes into the system, improving efficiency in what we do.

A few years ago, the financial system was centralised, with the establishment of the FNB banking platform. A system where payments would be made on behalf of Lodges was established. The intention was, according to the Grand Treasurer, to eventually migrate this responsibility to another person, other than his wife. This is now starting to happen, and a word of thanks must go to Mrs Mari Topham for running this side of the business for the past three or more years. The migration of

responsibility will not see Mari's involvement end; however, her services will be retained as a very necessary back up to the party taking over this function.

CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution and Regalia Committee has been extremely active over the past year, reviewing various proposals and amendments presented to it. Thank you to the members of this important committee, who amidst their busy work schedules have found time to assist in dealing with the workload presented to them.

Any organisation must ensure that its operating procedures remain in keeping with legislation and time. Over many years, various amendments and additions were brought to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. This has resulted in some disjointed aspects in it. A comprehensive review was commenced some three years ago, aligning the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of South Africa to the Memorandum of Incorporation of our Non-Profit Company. The intention has been to consolidate the Constitution Laws and Regulations and remove the disjoint.

A word of thanks must be given to RW Bro Brandon Topham, OSM, who initiated the idea, but more recently to Wor Bro Wikus Steyl, for his commitment in presenting a realigned version for consideration by Grand Committee. The review process is unfolding, with comments being received, evaluated and incorporated. The revised Constitution Laws and Regulations will be published during the course of the next masonic year of our Grand Lodge.

A proposal was tabled for the creation of a new Grand Lodge rank, being that of Grand Chancellor. This is to align our Grand Lodge with many of the other Grand Lodges with whom we are in amity. This function was previously managed by the head of the Foreign Relations Committee through the Grand Secretary. The position was approved, together with the rank and styling befitting its stature, and this amendment has been adopted into the

Constitution, together with the approved jewel of office.

DISCIPLINE

I thank those members who uphold the dignity of our Order and live within the precepts thereof, thus avoiding such matters. We agree that we are all human, and have the right to our own ideas, beliefs and behaviour, so long as such does not disturb the harmony of the Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge or even Grand Lodge.

We had one serious disciplinary hearing which was dealt with during the past year. It is sad to see that some members fail to live up to the expectations of the Order. We hope that the peace and harmony of the area which was disturbed by this matter, will soon return to normality, and that growth and prosperity will be the end result.

EDUCATION.

There has been much debate and planning around programmes to enhance the value proposition with regards to the educational aspect of our Order. There are programmes running in our Grand Lodge, which are not fully utilised, which will enhance the experience of our membership if correctly implemented.

The Leadership Programme which has been under development for a long time, but went through a hiatus, has been revived. Recording of new modules has commenced. Some parts are in production and are being edited, with the next phase of the process to be finalised before these are released. This will be a focus area in the next year where we hope that the programme will yield the expected results for our members as they progress in their masonic careers.

The mentorship programme had largely fallen by the wayside. In a survey conducted by the Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division), RW Bro Simon Nash, responses received indicated that retention of members was higher in Lodges and Divisions, where a formal programme is in place. RW Bro Simon Nash has undertaken to relaunch the online sessions

which will cover the three craft degrees as well as provide training for members who are identified as being suitable mentors.

PROGRAMMES.

Ritual Excellence.

This programme seeks to encourage all members to learn ritual and to present it with meaning, thus enhancing the memorable Masonic Experience of all who hear their work.

The number of participants and entrants to the programme seems to have declined. A central repository of all members and their scores has been set up, so it is possible to track progress far more easily, thereby encouraging Brethren to excel and achieve the aim of the programme which is aimed at improving your Masonic knowledge and at the same time gain experience and confidence to be able to grow personally which will stand you in good stead on your Masonic journey (as well as in your daily life). The programme's aim is not to enable you to collect lapel pins, but rather at improving the standard of our workings for the benefit of all. The awarding of a pin should be seen as encouragement to your peers to also apply themselves. Whilst not all members are ritualists, everyone can improve their own ability to present pieces of ritual to a higher standard.

Balanced Lodge Programme.

The concept of this programme was promoted by RW Bro Brandon Topham, OSM. The idea is by completing a monthly questionnaire, the management team of a lodge will be able to identify areas of their lodges performance which needs improvement or focus. It is not a tool to police lodges, but if approached correctly pinpoints aspects of what makes lodges happy places and builds a sense of pride. The programme is not a tool to police lodges but rather enables the management team of a lodge to identify areas within their lodges performance which needs improvement or focus.

There are too many Lodges who have failed to complete even a single return since the

programme was launched, others who were regular participants, have fallen off the programme with the changing of the Presiding Master of the Lodge. Others who discuss these returns at their Board of Management meetings, have understood the powerful tool at their disposal, have seen an improvement in attendance generally, as well as new members being attracted to join their ranks. Thanks must go to Bro Gerhard Muller of Lodge Prins Frederik, who volunteered to assist in the collation of data and the production of the monthly updates of the programme. Similarly, thank you to RW Bro Reuven Coenen, Lodge Golden City and Lodge Prins Frederik, for helping oversee the programme.

The Award to the most balanced Lodge for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will be announced at the meeting and the minutes of the meeting will record the most balanced lodge.

DIVISIONS.

Southern Division.

I appointed RW Bro Thomas William Hardiman, the immediate past Provincial Grand Master (Southern Division) as my Deputy Grand Master. I appointed Wor Bro Raymond Yosimbom Eyiomen as acting Provincial Grand Master (Southern Division) in July 2023 and installed him as Provincial Grand Master (Southern Division) in September 2023. The Division saw a net growth of 5 members over the year. A concerted effort is required to expand this Division beyond the city bowl in Cape Town and to reach the many outlying areas of this large city.

Northern Division.

I appointed RW Bro Simon Philip Nash as Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division) in July 2023. The Division saw the closing of Lodge Vereeniging No 67 (again) due to lack of support from the brethren who petitioned to have the Lodge reopened. The Division had 37 initiations over the year. Some Lodges performed exceptionally well in bringing new blood into the Order, while sadly some either retained their membership or saw a net loss in membership. The Division is driven by a hard-

working Provincial Grand Master and his commissioned officers. The Division has acknowledged its challenges and has plans to grow by 20% over the next year.

The Provincial Grand Master retained his appointed commissioned officers from the previous year. New Provincial Grand Lodge officers were appointed in the Division. Only one Provincial Grand Lodge officer retired at the end of the 2023/2024 masonic year after many years loyal service. I thank Wor Bro John Weigelt for his loyal service to the Division. The Division saw their Treasurer resign (for personal reasons to allow him to study further with a view to ultimately emigrating). This key position posed challenges to the Division due to the timing thereof. The Division has appointed a Brother of Talent to assist in the role, overseen by one of the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

Central Division.

I appointed Wor Bro Marcel de Kock as acting Provincial Grand Master (Central Division) in July 2023 and installed him as Provincial Grand Master (Central Division) in March 2024. This Division has achieved its growth target as agreed with the Grand Master, well done to the PGM and his officers. Plans are in place to try and better their growth achieved over the past year. There is enthusiasm within the Division, and palpable energy. There are signs of economic hardship in Kimberley which has seen several people lose their employment opportunities, which will have a knock-on effect in membership.

Wor Bro Marcel De Kock appointed Wor Bro Jan Andries Coetzee and Wor Bro Francois Dauth as his Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. With a small, but growing Division, some of his Provincial Grand Officers have been appointed to more than one position.

Eastern Division.

I appointed RW Bro Johan van der Merwe as Provincial Grand Master (Eastern Division) in July 2023. The Division has been struggling to

climb out of a sadly mired period of disharmony. The Division carried out 4 initiations in the three Lodges making up the Division but achieved a net loss of three members over the year.

The Eastern Division with its small membership base, has very few members to draw on to fill all positions in a Provincial Grand Lodge. Most Provincial Grand Lodge Officers retained their appointments for the next year. To enable the Division to turn out a full Provincial Grand Lodge Team to attend to official call outs, the Provincial Grand Master applied for dispensation, which was granted, to appoint lodge wardens who had not yet been appointed as a Master of the Lodge to act as Provincial Grand Stewards.

In May 2023, I approached the Past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Frans Roodt, and discussed appointing him as an Assistant Grand Master in the Division a challenge he accepted. He was appointed with immediate effect and was obligated and invested in his new role at the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Division in July 2024. RW Bro Frans Roodt has already set plans in place to assist the Provincial Grand Master and the division to claw back members and bring in new members to our Grand Lodge.

Eastern Cape Division.

I appointed RW Bro Keith John Hutton OSM, as Assistant Grand Master in July 2023. I appointed Wor Bro Ricardo Gillmer as acting Provincial Grand Master in July 2023 and installed him as Provincial Grand Master in November 2023. Wor Bro James Lidderd was installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master with Wor Bro Ian Foster Hetherington and Wor Bro Paul Nesbit West as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters in November 2023. Wor Bro West unexpectedly resigned in December 2023.

Wor Bro James Lidderd was expelled from the Order following a Disciplinary Procedure brought against him. This left the Provincial Grand Lodge rather light and after consultation with me, the Provincial Grand Master

appointed Wor Bro Hendrik Rademeyer as an acting Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The growth target for the year was not achieved due to resignations which outnumbered the 5 initiations which took place. The fallout from the disciplinary procedure referred to earlier in this address will influence the Division in the short term, but with solid leadership and focus on rebuilding will see that effect reversed. Notwithstanding these challenges, the Division has a plan to grow its numbers to a total of 80 members over the next year

Namibia.

Lodge Makalani, in Grootfontein celebrated their Golden Jubilee (50th year) this past year. The work which they do in their community, often without much fanfare continues to make a difference in their town. With Freemasonry spread far and wide in this vast country (emphasis on far) these Brethren, demonstrate their commitment to the craft by working closely with the sister constitutions. A generous donation was presented to a facility in Grootfontein, which cares for the less privileged in their community at their 50th anniversary celebration.

BENEVOLENCE

In an effort to bring some cheer to many people who are less fortunate than ourselves, I challenged our Lodges to “bake” or buy “cookies/biscuits” which would then be packaged for distribution to the needy in society over the festive season. While some Lodges supported the initiative, others took the easy way out and donated money towards purchasing biscuits. I thank one and all who participated in the Cookie Challenge, as close to 800kg of biscuits were collected and repackaged and distributed around the country. The experiences of those who participated in the distribution, spoke volumes as to how they were affected by such a drive. At a feeding scheme supported in the Northern Division, the adults stood back to ensure that as many children as possible benefitted in receiving small packets of biscuits, much to their great delight.

I chose as my theme for the year, assistance to those in society who suffer from Alzheimer’s and Dementia. Lodge Jeffrey’s Bay donated a large number of items to those suffering from these dreaded diseases in the Jeffrey’s Bay area. A similar intervention was done in the Eastern Division with the Provincial Grand Master and his team also distributing items amongst their community, with this being covered in the local press.

The partner of the Presiding Master of Lodge Golden City undertook to make several “wet pack bags” herself. These were collected and distributed to residents of the Masonic Haven in Pretoria, at the same time as biscuits from the Cookie challenge.

Members of Lodge Prins Frederik who had received a donation of body shampoo (bulk totalling some 800 litres) bottled 500ml bottles which have been distributed to the Walking Tall With Pride Feeding Scheme, the Louis Botha Children’s Home, the Johannesburg Children’s Home and the residents of the Masonic Haven.

In Cape Town, Wor Bro Gary Hendricks continues to run the feeding scheme which he commenced in 2017, where over 200 meals are served to the less fortunate in the community, as well as the daily calling at his gate seeking help in the form of a sandwich. He also makes little food pack parcels which include rice, mielie meal, veggies and meaty bones which are handed to families that are known to put these parcels to good use in their homes. The initiative is supported by some of the Lodges and members of the Southern Division, as well as donations from members in other Divisions.

The Eastern Cape Division sponsored a playpark jungle gym for an impoverished community in Port Elizabeth. Lodge Jeffrey’s Bay donated 40kg in response to the “Cookie Challenge” which were distributed to the poor in the local community. The Lodge distributed a ton of fruit which had been donated by a local farmer to the Amala Health Care facility. They also presented Teddy Bears to the local Alzheimer patients in Jeffreys Bay, as part of the Grand Lodge programme. Members of Lodge Tolerance and Losie Sonheuwel from

Gqeberha, in collaboration with the Scottish Constitution members, collected tinned food for the Buffelsfontein Old Age Home. The Brethren of Lodge Tolerance donated over 30 bags of clothing to an exceptionally impoverished settlement on the outskirts of Gqeberha. Bro Siviwe Blauw and Bro Ericc Dyer played a key role in identifying and collecting the second-hand clothing items.

In the Central Division Lodge Peace and Harmony collected approximately 30kg of cookies which were distributed to children at a local school. The members also support some needy community members with monthly with food parcels.

The Eastern Division collected in excess of 100kg of biscuits in response to the Cookie Challenge and donated these to the Elders' Voice organisation. Members then collected and donated 100 Teddy Bears specially prepared for dementia patients to the KZN Care Association. The Division received approximately R 11,000 worth of chocolates which were distributed to the Elders' Voice as well as 45kg of frozen chicken fillets.

This goes to show that we can make a difference in the world in which we live. No matter how small our contributions may seem, they are so well received and greatly appreciated, the more we do the greater the impact on society in general.

OBITUARIES.

During the past year, we lost 2 Grand Lodge Officers. RW Bro Bernard Neuhaus, Past Grand Senior Warden, was a 60-year jewel holder. Wor Bro Paul Nash, Past Grand Inner Guard, who had been a member for 13 years.

We are aware of several members who have passed away, or lost family members over the year. We hope and pray that their lives are adjusting to the new dynamics in their families. Such losses are sadly inevitable, but never easy to accept, no matter how one prepares for them. We are taught that the sun will eventually break through the dark clouds of grief and that those that mourn will be able to smile again.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

I have advocated the fact that we as an organisation need to command more airtime in our communities. We should see every opportunity which is presented to us to do good in our community, as an opportunity to get some possible coverage in the local community newspapers. By being proud of what we do and who we are will expose our Lodges to potential members to may wish to join our Order.

The Grand Lodge was invited to appear on the 702 radio station to discuss Freemasonry with Relebogile Mabotja. Despite the brevity of the time on air, it was apparent that we need to secure more of such opportunities. Such opportunities exist all over the country where there are local community radio stations. By having the right persons appear "on air" will afford us an opportunity to get into the homes of thousands of people where we can shed the light of knowledge and hopefully attract good men of good repute to want to join our Order. This is a challenge to be embraced and driven in the next year. Imagine a "Master Class for Freemasonry" on Radio 702 for the next year, with Relebogile Mabotja or similar radio personality, at least once a month to showcase Freemasonry.

We must be proud of our history and record it. To this end, the Annual Yearbook is compiled. Thankyou MW Bro David James Duncan, OSM, for once again collecting and publishing the 2023 version. This yearbook is available on GrandView. MW Bro Dave Duncan, OSM, identified that the current website does not have any of our yearbooks available for interested people to read. This is being attended to with these being uploaded onto the website.

Provincial Web Sites have been established and some have already been launched. These web sites will provide a basis for interaction with people in their relevant divisions. These will provide a platform for social media campaigns, as well as driving relevance in the communities where lodges meet and operate. The Grand Lodge Website is undergoing a makeover. This was held back with the view of getting Divisional Websites up and functional before

tackling the Grand Lodge site. All websites will link to each other which increases the visibility of the Grand Lodge on search engines, providing additional opportunities for public awareness.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our Grand Lodge has very close relationship with the Grand Lodge of Benin. This initiative saw the memorandum of Co-operation between the two Grand Lodges being signed in May 2023. At the same time, a twinning arrangement and agreement was put in place between Lodge De Goede Hoop, No 1 and the newest Lodge in Benin, Lodge Alliance No 50, which was consecrated with the particular view to working the rituals of the Grand Lodge of South Africa and sharing information on education, and other Masonic topics between the Lodges. The Presiding Master of Lodge Alliance No 50, and the Lodge Officers were installed by the Grand Master and a team of Brethren from our Grand Lodge in Cotonou, followed by a demonstration First Degree Ceremonial working.

The weekend in Cotonou, Benin, saw the installation of the New Grand Master, MW Bro Matthieu Lawson. The delegation from our Grand Lodge received the warmest reception and were treated as guests of honour at all functions. The installation of the new Grand Master was attended to by numerous other Grand Lodges, from Quebec, France, and many African Grand Lodges. This afforded our Grand Lodge the opportunity to rekindle relationships with the African Grand Lodges, which due to circumstances had been lost.

We have been approached by numerous Grand Lodges to recognise them and enter into amity with them. Numerous invitations are also received to attend Annual Communications of many Grand Lodges around the World. It is not possible to accept many of these invitations as these often clash with events on our calendar.

The Conference of African Grand Lodges will be held in Abuja Nigeria at the end of October 2024. This Grand Lodge will be present at that conference and will also attend the installation of the Grand Master Elect as the 4th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nigeria. These

meetings will enable us to continue to strengthen our ties and relationships with the other Grand Lodges in Africa.

I appointed MW Bro John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM, MSA, as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, as well as heading up the organising committee of the World Conference of Grand Lodges to be held in Cape Town in May 2026. The World Conference in Brazil at the end of November 2024, will provide an opportunity to continue strengthening relations with many Grand Lodges around the World. At the same time, we will have the opportunity to showcase our country and hopefully attract many visitors to the World Conference of Grand Lodges which we will host in Cape Town.

In reviewing communications received from other Grand Lodges, it was clear that these aspects are handled by a Grand Chancellor. As such, I discussed this function with MW Bro John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM, MSA and asked him to act as such in dealing with foreign Grand Lodges. I must express my thanks and gratitude to MW Bro John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM, MSA, who accepted the appointment as Chairman of our Foreign Relations Committee, for the work done in all matters relating to this important aspect of our operations.

A new post of Grand Chancellor was approved at the Grand Committee meeting held in July 2024, which hopefully will be approved by the member of the Grand Lodge of South Africa at the Annual General Meeting.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, is a separate but important integral part of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. The health and sustainability of our Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Provincial Grand Chapters and all Chapters is dependent on the support from our craft Lodges. Under the guidance of the First Grand Principal, MEC John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM, MSA over his term of the past three years, there have been noticeable changes with new Chapters being established, new leaders being appointed, which have all

contributed to a very noticeable energy in the “Royal Arch” activities.

It has been said that in Freemasonry, family is exceptionally important. We have instances where Freemasons initiate their Lewis’ into our craft Lodges. What is more gratifying is to see the commitment to Freemasonry by the whole family. Even more so when the sons continue their Masonic journey and join appendant bodies. In August 2023 – MEC Hendrik Rademeyer, the MEZ of Chapter Jeffreys Bay in Jeffreys Bay exalted both his sons, Schalk and Adolf, into the Royal Arch degree.

In September 2023 the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division installed their new Grand Superintendent, MEC Louis van der Linde. He, together with his second and third principals, are working with all the chapters in the province.

As the membership of the chapters increase, so do opportunities and we have seen a number of Cryptic Councils be revived giving further opportunities to continue with one’s Masonic education and journey.

This past year, saw two Chapters celebrate their golden jubilee. In November 2023, Chapter De Goede Kaap in Cape Town celebrated its golden jubilee, which preceded the annual installation of its Principals. In August the Brixton Lodge and Council celebrated their golden jubilee, although only having been under the banner of the GLSA for the past 6 years, the members and invited dignitaries held a luncheon in Johannesburg.

It is gratifying to see various Chapters working together and supporting each other. In January 2024 - the Brixton and Acacia Cryptic Councils held a combined installation in Johannesburg. In April 2024 – Chapter Fiat Lux and Chapter Jeffreys Bay held a combined installation in Port Alfred. Chapter Fiat Lux will be relocating to Port Elizabeth.

December 2023 saw the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Cape Town hold its installation.

During May 2024 MEC Geoff Edwards OSM was initiated as a Select Master in the Bellville Cryptic Council.

The installation of the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Benin in May 2024, saw MEC Mathieu Lawson being installed as the FGP of the SGRAC of Benin. A delegation of RA members who had accompanied me to Benin, were able to attend this installation ceremony where I represented the SGRAC of SA.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Northern Division was held in June 2024 in Johannesburg. I was fortunate to be able to attend the convocation which saw the First Grand Principal present a 50 yearlong-service jewel and certificate to MEC Piet Naude MSA.

The close relationship with our Sister Constitutions enabled the FGP and several senior Companions to accept an invitation in July 2024, to attend the installation of the new District Grand Mark Master of the English District Grand Mark Lodge. The Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, MW Bro John Prizeman was in attendance, and the FGP was able to present a copy of the 250-year Heritage Book to him.

August 2024 saw the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge initiate MEC Geoff Edwards OSM as a member.

The administration and finances of the SGC and its two PGCs are well managed and the membership of the Chapters, Lodges and Councils is growing steadily.

The term of office of the First Grand Principal is three years, and the First Grand Principal, MEC John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM, MSA announced that he would retire at the end of his term. The Constitution of the The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter requires that an election of his successor must be held. In March 2024 – MEC Avron Jacobson MSA was elected as the next FGP and will be installed as such in Cape Town on 28 September 2024.

I am sure that I speak on behalf of all members of the SGRAC when I express my gratitude and thanks to the retiring FGP, for his dedication to the SGRAC over his term of office. It is said that in order to build, and build sustainability, there have to be solid foundations in place. The foundations which have been laid over the past three years, building on those of his predecessor, has provided the necessary strong foundations on which the incoming FGP can continue to build.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Supreme Council is a separate and independent Masonic Order, which is made up of a large number of the members of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. It is gratifying to see that the leadership of the AASR is made up of number of members of GLSA who hold leadership positions in the craft.

As with any organisations, there are always changes to the leadership as members either retire, leave, emigrate or even get promoted. This phenomenon has occurred over the past year with a number of changes being effected at Executive level.

The efforts of members of the executive over more than 18 months, has resulted in the AASR complying with their legal obligations as a Registered Non-Profit Organisation 254-481 NPO, Non-Profit Company 2020/035499/08, Public Benefit Organisation 9046006285 PBO, Section 18A(1)(a) Tax Exempt Organisation, Registered Society with National Lotteries Commission (Reg No. 00347).

The various regions/divisions continue focus on improvement in the standard of ritual, as well as growth. These efforts are starting to yield promising results.

Shriners South Africa.

With the passing of M. Ill Bro Paul Nash, Ill Bro Maxwell Matjane was appointed as Chairman of the Shriners in South Africa. He undertook the opportunity of visiting the USA, where he met up with the MAHI Shriners of

Florida, USA from whom the Shriners South Africa derived their Charter.

The relationship with the Sister Jurisdictions in South Africa has seen visits to various important meetings across the country. Although the South African regions of the English and Wales Supreme Council as well as the Supreme Council for Scotland operate independently, all the regional ex- SGIG's have developed a strong relationship with their and our counterparts across the country.

We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship between the GLSA and the Supreme Council of The Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite For South Africa.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

We are fortunate to continue to work in harmony with the Sister Constitutions in the Country. Many of the members of these constitutions have become friends through our common goal and ability to share thoughts and ideas on topics of common interest. Friends and colleagues are from all levels in their organisation, not restricted only to their Senior Officers. We value these inputs and the support which we as a Grand Lodge receive through the interactions at Provincial Grand Lodge level.

SPECIAL AWARDS.

A special word of thanks must be given to the membership in general for the support I have received over the first year in office. I cannot give each member a token of appreciation, other than by recognising the contributions made over the year. I look forward to even more support as we move forward. To the solid group of Brethren who accompanied me to visit Lodge Makalani last year, and again who travelled to Benin earlier this year, this support was unexpected and greatly appreciated. It showed many people, and members of other Grand Lodges that we have a vibrant, and happy Grand Lodge, willing to spread Brotherly love wherever we go.

Special awards will be made at the Annual General Meeting, in recognition of continued excellence, support and dedication not only to

our Grand Lodge, but the lodges in the various Divisions. The awards to be presented are as follows:

Secretary of the year.

The recipient will be chosen by the Grand Secretary, from nominations received, or by his close interactions with all Provincial and Lodge Secretaries over the past year.

Best Installation address.

At every installation ceremony in the Craft Lodges, the Installing Officer presents an address to the members of the Lodge. The standard of addresses to which I have been fortunate to hear, have been of a very high standard, some very thought provoking, others opening one's mind to learning and others giving guidance to all of us as Freemasons on aspects often neglected. Every installation address is required to be submitted to the Grand Secretary, and these are then sent to the senior Grand Lodge Officers (Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Masters) to review and rate. From these assessments, one paper will stand out as being the best address delivered over the year. This paper will be published in the 2024 Yearbook.

Balanced lodge of the year.

The balanced Lodge programme as mentioned earlier, assists Lodges who diligently apply it in the management and running of the Lodge to achieve many aspects of the vision of the Grand Lodge to the betterment of Freemasonry as a whole, but particularly in our Lodges. It has brought back visiting, not only between our Lodges, but also to Lodges in our Sister Constitutions. The winning Lodge in one year, could well be surpassed by another Lodge a year later, where that Lodge applies itself to make the experience in the Lodge a truly memorable one. To stay on top of the game consistently requires a total commitment from every member in a Lodge, but if one rests on one's laurels, others will outperform you.

CONCLUSION.

It is unbelievable at how quickly the past year has past by. When I look back, I felt that the role of Grand Master was a likened to eating an elephant, and that not much has been achieved. Each teaspoon full did not seem to make the elephant any smaller.

Much has in fact been achieved, and small wins expand into bigger ones as we progress. I promised in my inaugural address, to listen more. I sincerely hope that I have lived up to this expectation and making an impact on our Grand Lodge for the right reasons. Frequent workshops with the leadership group have started to yield results. We worked tirelessly at getting the financial affairs of all Lodges and Grand Lodge into consolidated financial reports. We are constantly trying to improve our service delivery in terms of administration (we still have work to do here but are headed in the right direction). Re-establishing the various Divisional Websites, to make our Grand Lodge more visible, working on the benevolent projects (the Alzheimer and Dementia project will continue to run), the cookie challenge during the festive season.

I must extend a word of thanks to the leadership group of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, to my Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Thomas William Hardiman, the Assistant Grand Masters RW Bro Johan Britz, MSA, RW Bro Keith John Hutton OSM, RW Bro Frans Roodt, The Grand Secretary MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards, OSM, the Grand Treasurer RW Bro Brandon Topham, OSM, all the members of Grand Committee, which includes the Provincial Grand Masters RW Bro Johan van der Merwe, RW Bro Simon Nash, RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, RW Bro Marcel de Kock, and RW Bro Ricardo Gillmer.

This team has supported the vision of our Grand Lodge and although we may believe the wins achieved this year to be small, these will morph into much larger ones as we work to making our Grand Lodge more visible in our communities.

When reviewing the past year and reflecting on our achievements, the sacrifice of time has been worth it. It has assisted the Leadership of Grand Lodge to identify work to be done in the forthcoming year.

What makes it possible to attend to the business of Grand Lodge? Firstly, the fortune of good health bestowed on us all by the GAOTU. It is said that “Behind every successful man there is a woman, who laid a firm foundation with the bricks that others threw at him.”

This is so very true in that I am blessed to have had my wife support me very quietly, often suffering the interruptions in our family holiday to visit the children and grand children

overseas, when I had to attend to masonic matters, or numerous virtual meetings held during what others believe to be family times. I was lucky to be accompanied by Linda on the trip to Benin, where she made new friends, and where she saw another aspect of Freemasonry at work.

As we enter the next Masonic Year, let us be mindful of the obligations we have taken, to work for the benefit of every person, not only ourselves. Let us unite and strengthen the bonds of amity with our fellow Grand Lodges and freemasons all over the world. Let our Order be the change agent to make the world a better place for all who live in it. SMIB.

**MW Bro Godfrey Stuart Place
Grand Master.**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA.
HELD ON SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2024
AT THE DE GOEDE HOOP TEMPLE, CAPE TOWN.**

1. At 13h30 all members of the Grand Lodge and Visitors who were not part of an official delegation, entered the Temple and took up their allocated seats.
2. At 13h40 the Grand Master of Ceremony conducted the Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Master and the Grand Banner Bearer into the Temple.
3. The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, attended to the placement of the Grand Lodge Officers.
4. The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, 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 of the introductions were announced by Wor Bro Achille Katumbay, Grand Master of Ceremony.

<u>Grand Lodge</u>	<u>Delegation Leader</u>	<u>Accompanied by</u>
Mauritius	RW Bro Jean Chaumiere (GSW)	1 Brother
Benin	MW Bro Matthew Lawson (GM)	2 Brethren
England	RW Bro Ernest Malherbe (District GM)	1 Brother

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 2 Past Grand Masters, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM and MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA, 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 Ernest Malherbe (UGLE) responded to the salute.

9. **NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING.**

The Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM, read the notice convening the meeting and confirmed that it had been circulated to all members. He 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 Keith Hutton OSM, 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 advised that all Grand Lodge Officers were either present or had given apologies.

13. **APOLOGIES.**

The Grand Secretary recorded apologies from the following members:

RW Bro Charles Montgomery
RW Bro Reuven Coenen
RW Bro Alan van der Vyver
VW Bro Frederik Meiring
VW Bro Demos Markantonis
Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Wor Bro Machiel Britz
Wor Bro Marius Terblanche
Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren
Wor Bro Andries Botes
Wor Bro John Weigelt
Wor Bro Ettiene Kotze
Wor Bro Steynberg de Kok
Wor Bro John Harmse

14. **OBITUARIES.**

The Grand Master requested all Brethren to stand and face the East with the sign of reverence. RW Bro Ron Smith and RW Bro Rex Ingle 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 Michael Burchell read the closing charge. The deceased Brethren are the following:

RW Bro Bernard Neuhaus
Wor Bro Paul Nash

Alpha
Star of the Rand

Past Grand Senior Warden
Past Grand Inner Guard (conferred)

15. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GRAND LODGE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE DE GOEDE HOOP TEMPLE ON 27 JULY 2023.

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 Keith Hutton OSM. 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 2023 – 2024.

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.

18 RATIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER 2023 – 2024.

RW Bro Frans Roodt 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 John Miller and was unanimously accepted.

19. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023.

The Grand Treasurer's financial report was included in the meeting booklet. It was read at the meeting by MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM. The Grand Treasurer, RW Bro Brandon Topham OSM, referred to selected items in the Financial Statements for 2023. MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM proposed that the report be accepted and form part of the meeting's minutes. This proposal was formally seconded by RW Bro Simon Nash and was adopted.

20. CAPITATION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had circulated a ballot link to all members qualified to vote and that there had been a 76% response. The result related to the proposed capitation contributions for 2025 was 96% in favour from those who had exercised their right to vote. The appointed scrutineers were RW Bro John Miller and RW Bro Ron Smith and they both confirmed the result.

The Grand Treasurer had proposed that the Grand Lodge Capitation Contribution for 2025 be R1,450.00 per ordinary member, R950,00 for members who are 70 years or older and R725.00 for bona fide students. The Grand Secretary confirmed that these would be the Capitation Contributions for 2025.

21. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER.

The Grand Treasurer had proposed that we re-appoint BDT Auditing Services Incorporated as the Grand Lodge Reviewer. This was seconded by RW Bro Johan van der Merwe and unanimously carried.

22. NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

The Grand Master reported on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws. These amendments had been circulated to all of the members 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, there had been a 76% submission from those entitled to vote and, of these, 98% voted in favour of accepting the proposed changes. The appointed scrutineers again confirmed this result. The Grand Secretary will update the Constitution and Laws accordingly.

23. PAST GRAND RANK CONFERRED.

The Grand Master read out the name of a Brother on whom Past Grand Rank had been conferred. As the Brother was unable to be present at the meeting, his certificate and the appropriate collarette will be presented to him at the first available opportunity.

Past Grand Master of Ceremony VW Bro Marius Terblanche (ECD)

24. AWARD FOR BEST SECRETARY OF THE YEAR FOR 2023 – 2024.

The Grand Secretary advised that he had considered 2 Brethren for this award and had been suitably impressed by both of them. Bro Stephan Henderson (Star of the West) was a young Brother and was credit to his Lodge. The winner, however, was VW Bro Marius Terblanche who was the Secretary of Lodge de Vereeniging and Eastern Cape Division. His work was of an extremely high standard and his Masonic commitment and conduct was exemplary.

25. ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE GRAND MASTER.

25.1 The Grand Master presented the “**Balanced Lodge**” trophy to Lodge Prins Frederik. He commented on how close the competition had been and exhorted those Lodges who did not submit regular returns to take better advantage of this opportunity.

25.2 The Grand Master announced that we had short-listed addresses by RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, RW Bro Ric Gillmer, RW Bro Marcel de Kock, Wor Bro Wikus Steyl, Wor Bro Max Matjane, Wor Bro Alex Ndubuisi and Wor Bro Ike Ezeuduji. The “**Best Installation Address**” award went to Wor Bro Ike Ezeuduji for his outstanding paper “Freemasonry in South Africa, Quo Vadis?”.

25.3 The Grand Master presented a 25-year pin to VW Bro Andre Germishuys.

25.4 The Grand Master presented a 50-year Service jewel to RW Bro Morris Rozen.

26 AWARDS OF ORDER OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY (OSM).

The Grand Master presented this award to RW Bro Alf Brönnner and RW Bro Rex Ingle. He outlined their exceptional Masonic contributions and commented that, while an OSM is only awarded in special circumstances, they had both more than earned this highly prestigious distinction. He was delighted to be able to recognise their most impressive Masonic contributions and conduct.

27. OBLIGATION AND INVESTITURE OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2024 – 2025.

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 Chancellor	*	MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA
Grand Secretary	*	MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM
Grand Orator		VW Bro Frederick Meiring
Grand Orator		VW Bro Demos Markantonis
Grand Treasurer		RW Bro Brandon Topham OSM
Grand Master of Ceremony	*	VW Bro Louis van der Linde
Grand Master of Ceremony		VW Bro Dennis Benadie
Grand Master of Ceremony	*	VW Bro Achille Katumbay
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony		Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Grand First Preparator		Wor Bro Machiel Britz
Grand Almoner	*	VW Bro Andre Germishuys
Grand Ambassador		VW Bro Marius Terblanche
Grand Inspector		Wor Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren
Grand Architect		Wor Bro Andre Botes
Grand Architect	*	Wor Bro Jan Venter
Grand Inner Guard	*	Wor Bro Michael Burchell
Grand Inner Guard		Wor Bro John Weigelt
Grand Sword Bearer		Wor Bro Ettienne Kotze
Grand Banner Bearer	*	Wor Bro Koos du Preez
Grand Banner Bearer		Wor Bro Steynberg de Kock
Grand Preceptor		RW Bro Alan van der Vyver

The Grand Lodge Officers present were addressed and obligated by the Grand Master whereafter they were invested by RW Bro Keith Hutton OSM and RW Bro Frans Roodt.

28. FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The Grand Master thanked the Immediate Past Grand Masters 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 a gift by the Grand Master of Benin.

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

29. COLLECTION FOR BENEVOLENCE.

A collection for benevolence raised the sum of R1,730.00.

30. **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 photographs were taken.

31. **CLOSING HYMN.**

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

Installation Address – Lodge First United, #140 – by the IO, Wor Bro IO Ezeuduji – DPGM Eastern Division – 07 October 2023.

Freemasonry in South Africa, *Quo Vadis?*

Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren All,

Freemasonry, just like other global fraternal and civic organisations is currently in the decline phase. It has passed through the classic product life cycle of the introduction phase – growth phase– maturity phase, and it is now in the decline phase. However, we know that products in the decline phase can be rejuvenated.

Before I continue, I want us to understand the meaning of the word “decline”, in the context of this address. I posit that Freemasonry has been declining in numbers of members but not in the strength of the value proposition of the Freemasons. The fraternity as a formally organised society has endured, as it is today for more than 300 years. It has always receded and flowed in membership numbers; however, the essence of Freemasonry has always been men in civil society who are committed to a better individual, community, and world.

Most of us, especially the Chain Officers in the Grand Lodge of South Africa, have tried to solve this decline problem, from the internal perspective: such as using covert recruitment drives, and overt retention strategies, simply because we have control over our internal environment and less or non-existent control over the external environment. We are right in doing so but must bear in mind that external factors may have more impact than internal

factors regarding the decline of Freemasonry in South Africa and globally.

We start with the external factors.

The current and ever dynamic world economy, logistics, demographics, and value system, to mention but a few, may have brought the decline in our numbers, since the late 1950s.

Freemasonry is losing its attractiveness to the younger generations (the generations Y & Z; persons born as from the early 1980s). It is becoming a club for old men. We have been astute traditionalists and less progressive. Traditions and rites are of immense value but can be made more appealing to the younger generations. Freemasonry should not be made alien and incomprehensible to the younger generations, who are born in different times and situations.

A school of thought has attributed the decline of Freemasonry to ‘power garage doors and television’. The period of Enlightenment marked the beginning of the golden period of fraternalism, which continued to grow gradually through the 19th century and peaked during the two World Wars. Power garage doors were made possible by major technological improvements made after World War II. Now when we get home, we could pull into the garage, shut the door, and never again have to interact with our neighbours. We might never need to leave the house thanks to our

smart televisions. We could just stay in. Our neighbours became aloof from us or possibly didn't know who we were. Some of the Lodges amalgamated or were forced to close once they lost their viability.

Since 2004, social fraternities have had a renaissance in the US and globally, and more and more honourable men started learning about Freemasonry. This is due to the 2004 release of the film National Treasure, which portrayed Freemasonry favourably.

Over time, society has changed. Youth are becoming increasingly interested in television, video games, the internet, etc. Additionally, people are becoming more of a "me first" generation and volunteering less than in the past. Masonry also requires faith in God or Supreme Being, which fewer people today have

due to the world's increasing secularization and the humanistic perspectives that some institutions are even teaching from. This may contribute to the decline in the number of people entering groups with a religious slant, such as masonry. The membership we do have will, however, view their membership as being even more unique because today's believers have a very fervent faith.

The government's social insurance institutions are another factor that may be overlooked. To receive assistance with unanticipated medical expenses, unemployment, or other difficult situations was indeed a primary motivation for joining. The government now offers its own form of social insurance with the money that people could have previously paid in dues. This is a good example of economists' perspective of "choice vs opportunity cost". Many of the public activities that were formerly supported and overseen by fraternal groups like Freemasonry have also been taken over by the government, globally.

Our global culture has gotten more private, which is another factor. Instead of attending neighbourhood social gatherings, some prefer to stay home with their families and watch television. Instead of relying just on others in their immediate vicinity, people use technology to create their own networks of friends.

Urbanization is a further factor. Always, rural communities had a higher level of support for fraternal institutions, such as Freemasonry, than urban ones did.

Now let's get into some of the internal factors.

If Freemasonry starts discussing significant financial commitments, that will raise big red flags. Expensive lodge operations, dues, banqueting, and gala dinner. Heavy financial commitment may function as a barrier, and the notion of membership exclusion for non-payment of dues becomes more worrisome. This is more aggravating if the committed member fell on hard times or had ill-luck.

Unfortunately, power-play and squabbles among senior members is regarded as one of the serious issues that may lead to drop in membership. Arguably, this, and Masonic burn-out, as I submitted last year (1 October 2022), can lead to experienced Freemasons leaving the organisation. Also, when younger Brethren feel no sense of belonging, they will invariably leave the organisation.

Particularly at the "side degrees" level and even at the "craft" level, freemasonry has always been very segregated. Being a Mason means having brothers and friends all around the world, but if you can't attend another Lodge because of its irregular status, that will cut you off from potential friends.

Patience is one of the first lessons we learned in the process of becoming a Mason. Going through the petitioning procedure requires some time, perhaps several months, starting with the initial expression of interest. It takes time as many Lodges only meet once a month. Usually, after reading your petition for a month, we will arrange a meeting for you and your

family with a couple of the brothers, followed by a gathering to vote on your membership. Applicants may use this time to socialize at the Lodge's festive board. Of course, as we move through this drawn-out procedure, we may lose touch with the impatient applicants. They might grow bored. Technology can surely speed up this procedure, especially if we have a high-calibre and serious applicant.

I'll wrap up my address by saying that Freemasonry can use several tactics, beside the ones already elucidated, to both attract new members and keep the ones it already has.

These consist of:

Utilize different channels, including social media, email, and events, to market the organization and its advantages to prospective members.

Encourage current members to introduce the organization to their personal and professional networks by networking with them.

Participate in neighbourhood events and organizations to raise our profile and draw in new members.

Engagement of members: Provide opportunities for members to interact with one another through social occasions, volunteer opportunities, and team-building exercises.

Professional advancement: Provide members with opportunity to grow their professions and pick up new skills through networking and training activities.

Increase diversity in our organization by actively recruiting members from underrepresented groups. This is very important for South Africa with multi-racial groups.

Ensure members believe their membership is valuable and that they are receiving something out of it by providing value.

Clear communication: Inform members of the organization's activities and ways they can participate.

Recognize contributions: Honour members' accomplishments and acknowledge their contributions.

Develop and implement strong mentoring programmes and masonic education. However, bear in mind that not all prospective mentees have the desire to be mentored. Some joined us for the wrong reasons.

Clearly communicate that not everyone must be good in masonic ritual workings, to reduce undue pressure on those who are not able to memorise long ritual pieces / works. Ritual works is one facet of Freemasonry. Members can excel in the other facets.

Revert to decentralised decision making (empowerment). Allow Lodges to make operational decisions.

Last, but not least, review and enhance constantly: Keep an eye out for ways to make the membership experience better.

As Grand Lodge of South Africa, we have been implementing most of these tactics. We may only need to intensify efforts to ensure that our masonic heritage does not suffer much loss in our own generation. By doing so, we can determine its direction.

May The Great Architect of the Universe be with us all. SMIB.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF REGULAR MASONIC GRAND LODGES. FOZ CO IGUACA – PARANA, BRAZIL.

The Grand Lodge of South Africa attended the XIX (nineteenth) World Conference with a delegation led by the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, accompanied by a delegation comprising the Grand Chancellor, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA, Grand Master of Ceremony, VW Bro Achille Katumbay, Wor BB Max Matjane, Sunday Ogunronbi and Bro Thulani Nugubane.

The host Grand Lodge paid special attention to the meeting and greeting of delegates at the Iguazu Falls airport, sometimes at 02h00 and ensured that they were transported safely to their hotel. The registration of the delegates and their partners was equally well organised and the welcome cocktail party on the first night was well attended and much enjoyed. We will however ensure that the welcoming address by

the Grand Master at the XX (twentieth) World Conference in Cape Town is short and interesting.

The main theme of the conference was “Freemasonry as a means to a purposeful life”. It focussed how the world has rapidly changed over the period from around 1950 until 2024 and then forecast what it may look like in 25 years from now. These factors are all relevant in how the world and all of us who live in it experience life. From a world where in 1950, roughly 70% of the population lived in rural settings and 30% were found in cities, it is forecast that in 2050 the complete reversal will have occurred with 70% living in the cities and only 30% living in rural areas. Rapid urbanisation has played havoc with the basic core principles which used to exist, namely strong religious communities, respect, rule of law and tight knit local communities are now seemingly non-existent. People are living far more isolated lives, being isolated in their daily lives and with work habits having undergone massive readjustment due to the Covid pandemic, society suffers from seemingly irreparable fragmentation.

The style of the conference departed from the usual style where individuals presented papers on topics aligned to the conference theme. This conference was a hands on interactive one where delegations were split up into pre-determined groups. The main advantage of this soon became apparent as the debates showed that Masonic traditions and practices differ quite significantly on the various Continents. After watching a short, prerecorded presentation on a particular theme or sub-theme, each group was given 5 questions addressing aspects of the sub-theme to debate and record very simple short answers to these questions. The responses were captured in real time to be collated and summarised, a process which is still being finalised as we wait for the final documents to be released, although a very high-level summary was presented by the hosts at the closing of the conference.

The sub-themes all have relevance in all Grand Lodges and are applicable to our Grand Lodge and our Country.

The Sub-themes which formed the core of the discussions were:

- Freemasonry: Enabler of trust in times of distrust
- Freemasonry: An enabler for deep connections
- Freemasonry: Keeping current generations engaged and attracting future generations

These discussion groups allowed many ideas and challenges to be identified and discussed. It opened a window to view and understand that the challenges faced around the world, although all similar in many aspects, are different due to mainly to culture and practices. An aspect which seemed to run through all groups was the importance of Masonic Education as a means of creating an environment where Brethren derive value from their participation in Freemasonry. It appears that retention rates are higher where education is a formal but fun part of Freemasonry.

The discussion groups were further made up of brethren of varying ages, which provided an opportunity for the younger Brethren (age wise) to share their views. Most interesting was the discussion on the various age groups (Baby Boomers, Gen C, Gen Y and now Gen Z) and how the impact of social media and instant news (including fake news) influences thought patterns and behaviour. It was evident that Freemasonry must adapt to the times to be relevant, without losing sight of its ancient landmarks and traditions.

The “Gen Z” generation for example tend live in a world where they are almost “insular” or “isolated” from the old forms of clubs, societies and other societal organisations. Their reliance on modern technology and means of communication sees them experiencing “friends” on Facebook, but not having close “physical” friends where meaningful relationships are built. They appear to be seeking a “purpose” in life, hence many younger (Gen Z) get involved with global movements which address issues like Global Warming as they believe that society must be protected and we, as the human race, need to

take care of our World to protect it for future generations.

As all these generations could, in some way or another, be potential Freemasons, communication with them was another key aspect which was discussed. It was stressed that communication must not only be focussed with regard to internal communication in the Grand

Lodges, but also with the general public. By so doing the world should be made aware of the relevance of Freemasonry and the good it does in the world.

There was an opportunity for Grand Lodges to exchange gifts and sign treaties of recognition. The issue of treaties of recognition is seemingly important in the South American area, where many South American (Brazilian and Mexican) Grand Lodges were keen to enter into treaties with our Grand Lodge. We had to explain to them the process which we follow for such treaties to be entered into, a process not undertaken lightly and on the spur of the moment. A treaty of recognition was signed with the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay (following our Grand Lodge process where the Grand Committee had agreed to enter into Amity with them on 20 January 2024). The

signing of this treaty was followed with the exchange of gifts between the Grand Lodges with the added surprise when their Grand Master, MW Bro José Miguel Fernández Zacur, presented their Grand Lodge's highest award to the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place and to the Grand Chancellor, MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA.

The conference did not only focus on work and the delegates and their partners were taken with luxury buses to the Iguazu Falls, which are spectacular and where they spent a few hours viewing the falls, relaxing in an informal setting and enjoying delicious snacks and liquid refreshments with each other. While the delegates attended the General Meeting, their partners were entertained separately with a delightful river cruise where they enjoyed samba music, delicious snacks and liquid refreshments. The partners were also entertained separately with interesting talks on subjects specially attuned to the interests of the fairer sex.

The conference closed off with a formal gala banquet and dance, where guests were afforded the opportunity to share and experience some of the famous Brazilian traditions and dances (dance competition).



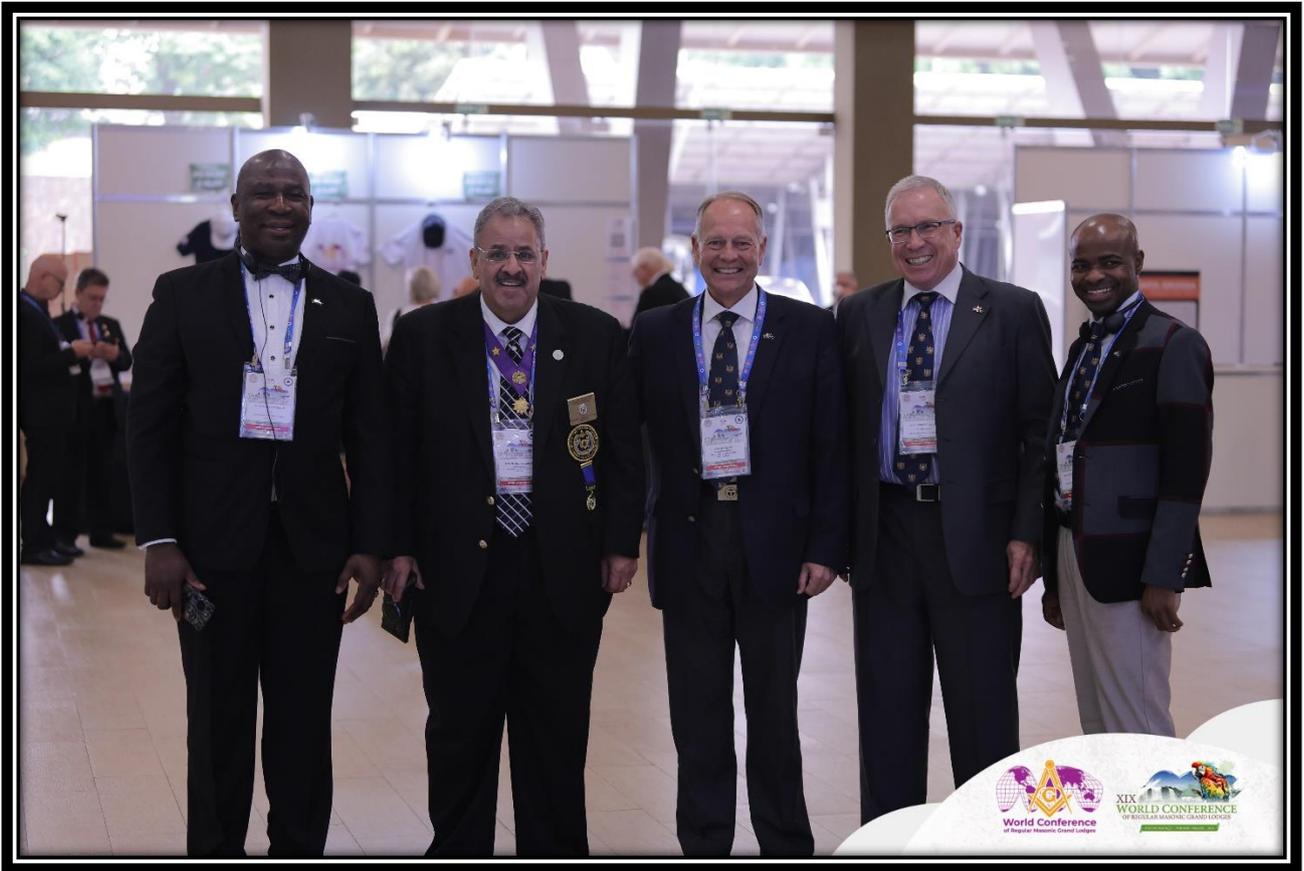
The presentation of the Conference Banner.



The Delegation from the Grand Lodge of South Africa with their host, the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Orient of Parana.



Grand Masters attending the Conference.



Bro S Ogunrombi. RW Bro G Calderen. MW Bro J Smith OSM, MSA. MW Bro G Place, VW Bro A Katumbay.



MW Bro G Place with the Grand Master of Cancun.



VW Bro A Katumbay. Wor Bro M Matjane Bro T Ngunani.

Grand Lodge Officers 2024/2025.

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
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro	F	Roodt	Frans
Provincial Grand Master - SD	RW Bro	RY	Eyiomen	Raymond
Provincial Grand Master - ND	RW Bro	SP	Nash	Simon
Provincial Grand Master - CD	RW Bro	M	De Kock	Marcel
Provincial Grand Master - ED	RW Bro	J	van der Merwe	Johan
Provincial Grand Master - ECD	Wor Bro	R	Gillmer	Ricardo
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro	JT	Miller	John
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro	RT	Smith	Ronald
Grand Senior Warden	RW Bro	RSO	Ingle OSM	Rex
Grand Junior Warden	RW Bro	CF	Montgomery	Monty
Grand Junior Warden	RW Bro	R	Coenen	Reuven
Grand Chancellor	MW Bro	JEH	Smith OSM. MSA	John
Grand Secretary	MW Bro	GR	Edwards OSM	Geoff
Grand Orator	VW Bro	LC	Kingsley	Len
Grand Orator	VW Bro	FH	Meiring	Fred
Grand Orator	VW Bro	DJ	Markantonis	Demos
Grand Treasurer	RW Bro	BR	Topham OSM.	Brandon
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro	D	Benadie	Dennis
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro	A	Katumbay	Achille
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	M	Hiles	Mark
Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro	ML	Britz	Mike
Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	A	Germishuys	Andre
Grand Ambassador	VW Bro	MJ	Terblanche	Marius
Grand Inspector	Wor Bro	NP	van Vuuren	Nowellyn
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	A	Botes	Andre
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	J	Venter	Jan
Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	MA	Burchell	Mike
Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	J	Weigelt	John
Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	E	Kotze	Ettienne
Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	JP	du Preez	Koos
Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	S	De Kock	Steynberg
Grand Preceptor	RW Bro	AV	van der Vyver	Alan

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MW Bro Edwards OSM	GR	Grand Secretary	secretary@grandlodge.co.za
RW Bro Topham OSM	BT	Grand Treasurer	treasurer@grandlodge.co.za



VWor Bro A Bosman representing the Grand Master at the AGM of The Grand Lodge of Portugal.



The Annual General meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benin.

Grand Committees (2024/2025).

<u>86.1.1 CONSTITUTIONAL REGULATIONS AND REGALIA.</u>	<u>86.1.2 RITUAL.</u>
MW Bro G Place (Chairman)	EW Bro JJ Britz MSA (Chairman)
RW Bro B Topham OSM	Wor Bro D Benadie
RW Bro S Nash	RW Bro R Smith
RW Bro R Gillmer	RW bro M de Kock
Wor Bro W Steyl	RW Bro R Eyiomem
Wor Bro H Selzer	
<u>86.1.3 FOREIGN RELATIONS.</u>	<u>86.1.4 FINANCE AND BENEVOLENCE.</u>
MW Bro J Smith OSM, MSA (Chairman)	RW Bro A van der Vyver (Chairman)
MW Bro D Duncan OSM	RW bro B Topham (Grand Treasurer)
MW Bro G Edwards OSM	RW Bro J van der Merwe
RW Bro B Topham OSM	RW Bro R Coenen
Wor Bro F Begot	RW Bro R Ingle OSM
<u>86.1.5.1 2026 WORLD CONFERENCE</u>	MW Bro J Smith OSM. MSA (Chairman)
	MW Bro G Place
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
<u>Grand Secretary</u>	<u>Administration</u>
MW Bro G Edwards OSM	Bernadine Ball
	Marc Pardon (Orange Grove)
<u>Book of Life</u>	Fiona van Coller
MW Bro G Edwards OSM	
	<u>Website and Public Relations</u>
<u>Grandview technical liaison</u>	RW Bro T Hardiman (Chairman)
RW Bro A Jacobson MSA	RW Bro C van Zyl
<u>PROGRAMMES</u>	
<u>Benevolence and Charity Programme</u>	<u>Membership Programme</u>
RW Bro B de Kock (Chairman)	RW Bro J Britz (Chairman)
VW Bro A Germishuys	RW Bro T Hardiman
Wor Bro C Wilson	RW Bro A Bronner
Provincial Grand Masters	RW Bro F Roodt
	Wor Bro W Luck
<u>Heritage Programme</u>	<u>All Provincial Grand Masters</u>
RW Bro R Ingle OSM (Chairman)	
RW Bro B Rossouw OSM	<u>Mentorship and Education Programme</u>
Wor Bro J Wolfhardt	RW Bro S Nash (Chairman)
All PGMs and Provincial Grand Secretaries	RW Bro F Roodt
	All DPGMs and APGMs
<u>Ritual Excellence Programme.</u>	
RW Bro J Britz MSA (Chairman)	<u>Balanced Lodge Programme</u>
RW Bro A van der Vyver	RW Bro F Roodt (Chairman)
RW Bro T Hardiman	Bro G Muller
RW Bro R Eyiomem	All Provincial Grand Masters

**ORDER OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONS (OSM).
 ORDE VAN DIENS AAN VRYMAGERS (OV).**

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

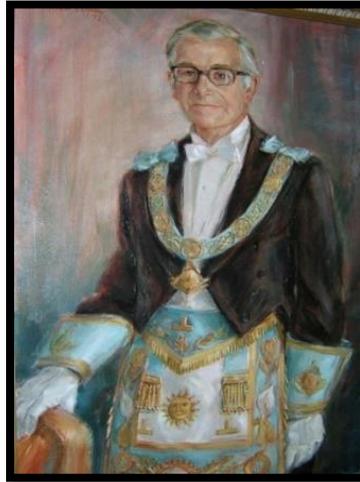
	Name of Recipient / Ontvanger		Rank Received / Rang Ontvang
*	Conradie E	1977	Grand Master / Grootmeester
*	Louw MC	1977	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
*	Haarburger H	1977	Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester
*	DeBondt HM	1978	Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistent 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
*	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 Opsier
	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 Opsier
	Hutton K	2022	Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester
	Topham BT	2023	Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester
	Bronner A	2024	Assistant Grand Master / Assistent Grootmeester
	Ingle RSO	2024	Grand Senior Warden / Groot Erste Opsier

* Deceased / Oorlede.

Past Grand Masters / Oud Grootmeesters.



MW Bro CG Botha OSM
1961 to 1966



MW Bro E Conradie OSM
1966 to 1973



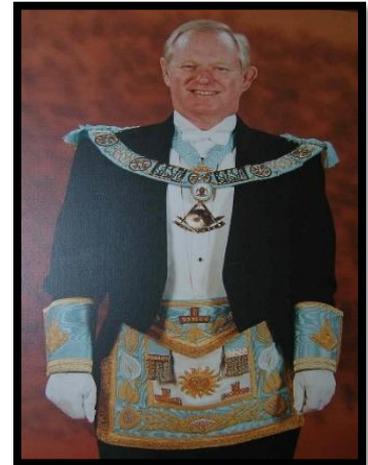
MW Bro SR Gasson OSM MSA
1973 to 1983



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 of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika.

GRAND LODGE RANK SERVED 2024.

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 Assistent 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 Opsier / 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 Opsier / 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	
	Kingsley	LC		*	Venter	HG	
*	Kramer	T					

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

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

Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies

*	Ahrens	HW		*	Kaestner	LH	
*	Bergman	P		*	Kleinans	TD	
	Bernadie	DD		*	Lewin	D	
*	Coetzer	JJ		*	Oberholster	O	
*	Daniels	CRJ		*	Peterson	RF	
*	Erasmus	DJA		*	Potgeiter	AD	
*	Fourie	JPN		*	Roodie	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	
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*	Cross	GH		*	Moroukian	CL	
	Doucas	E			Steyn	JF	
*	Eastham	CT		*	Supra	R	
*	Franken	P			Schreuder	RW	
*	Keane Murphy	IAL					

Oud Groot Almoesener / Past Grand Almoner

*	Annandale	CF		*	Kurtz	A	
*	Boscoe	J		*	Landsberg	W	
*	Boshoff	FD		*	Shields	SET	
*	Cross	RH			Smith	FS	
	de Beer	M			Snyman	CJE	
*	Firth	ENS			Snyman	CJG	
*	Gilson	WJA			Sumner	HL	
*	Greeff	JH			van Breda	GS	

Oud Groot Ambassadeur / Past Grand Ambassador

	Bredenkamp	JH		*	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		*	Robertson	AF	
*	Blignaut	E		*	Slabbert	EL	
*	Jorritsma	E			Kotze	JH	
*	Loxton	RT			Venter	JH	
*	Penchars	BJ					

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	CB Snr	
*	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	
*	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			Rawstone	EC	
*	de Meyer	JPJ		*	Reid	MB	
*	Dickson	BR			van Rensburg	D	
*	Jacobs	JA			Viviers	GJ	
*	Jonker	JP		*	Vogt	RR	
*	Kemp	BS			du Preez	JP	
*	Nash	P			Wood	JL	

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	

* Deceased / Oorlede.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED 2024

Oud Grootmeester / Past Grand Master Conferred

*	Rose	JG					
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Oud Adjunk Grootmeester / Past Deputy Grand Master Conferred

*	Levin	M	OSM MSA	*	van Niekerk	A	OSM MSA
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Oud Groot Eerste Opsier / Past Grand Senior Warden conferred

*	Bergman	P		*	Moore	C	
*	Gorvalla	PI			Naude	PJ	MSA/TVD
*	Griesler	RA		*	Nel	JP	
*	Henschel	PA		*	Sacks	CM	
*	Knoetze	FG			Slabbert	CL	
*	Kroukamp	JJ	MSA/TVD	*	van Zyl	WJ	
*	Landsberg	W		*	Vincent	T	
*	Lawley	HR		*	Zaayman	V	

Oud Groot Tweede Opsier / Past Grand Junior Warden Conferred

*	Adendorf	MJ		*	Milanesi	M	
*	Amoils	S		*	Moroukian	C	
	Becker	HL		*	Myburgh	BC	

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

Oud Groot Redenaar / Past Grand Orator Conferred

	Arthur	AM		*	Louis	SL	
*	Austin	WA		*	Mitchell	SP	
*	Braude	JH			Potgieter	AD	
*	de Klerk	IZ		*	Pretorius	GJ	
*	du Plessis	H		*	Raymond	S	
*	Jordaan	PJ			Schroder	PJ	
	Kantor	W		*	Selobiwitz	MW	
*	Lewis	N	MSA/TVD	*	Stam	JJ	
*	Linde	JJ		*	Swanepoel	EA	
*	Louis	L		*	Whiting	CW	

Oud Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Grand Master of Ceremonies Conferred

*	Allan	IR		*	Henning	FJT	
*	Bell	EA			Hirson	P	
*	Bell	IM			Jordaan	R	
*	Bergh	WJA		*	Kaestner	LH	
*	Beumer	HL		*	McNamara	CM	
*	Briscoe	WJA		*	Mirfin	LH	
	Cronje	JP			Moroukian	CL	
*	de Jager	JL		*	Neethling	JJF	
	de Klerk	MCL		*	Odendaal	F	
	du Toit	JJ			Olpin	P	
	Engelbrecht	JA		*	Roussouw	FP	
	Germishuys	A		*	Roussouw	GP	
*	Gilson	WJA		*	Schultz	HW	
*	Gray	W			Saunders	A	
*	Greenman	SR		*	Scott	de B	
	Grobbelaar	A			Smith	JAF	
*	Gross	G			Spies	BDP	
*	Haasbroek	J			Terblanche	M	
	Hattingh	C		*	Wethmar	HA	

Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester / Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies Conferred

*	Borrowman	D		*	Shields	SET	
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*	Klemptner	WHA			Wade	DFW	
Oud Groot Eerste Geleier / Past Grand First Preparator Conferred							
*	Annandale	CF		*	van der Merwe	PHG	
*	Powell	BJ					
Oud Groot Almoesener / Past Grand Almoner Conferred							
	Brenner	B		*	Leary	N	
	Finnern	H			Mare	FR	
Oud Groot Ambassadeur / Past Grand Ambassador Conferred							
*	Bartlett	HD		*	Nestadt	M	
	Carstens	B		*	Papavarnavas	PS	
*	Cooper	AA			Peacock	JM	
*	de Jager	J		*	Shapiro	S	
*	Hermanson	WC		*	Singer	B	
	Jacobs	JJ			Sumner	GH	
*	Lazarow	ZL			van Rensburg	D	
*	Lokker	FW		*	van Wyk	DIS	
	Lombaard	JA		*	Vlismas	JS	
	Lutrin	I			Watkins	M	
*	Muller	PW		*	Widmore	R	
Oud Groot Inspekteur / Past Grand Inspector Conferred							
*	Beets	MJ		*	Solms	JL	
*	Berman	H			Stevens	J	
*	Lampert	W			Steyn	JJ	
	Larsen	CA			Steyn	MH	
	Levy	JB			Steyn	PH	
	Lewis	S		*	Teren	AG	
*	Lubowski	A			van Niekerk	PA	
*	McCullum	JW		*	Verster	GP	
	McHardy	JC		*	Viljoen	NL	
	Potgieter	G			Visser	G	
*	Sagor	S		*	Widmonte	R	
	Seaward	HE		*	Wilken	EJWJ	
	Smit	JLE		*	Zweigelaar	H	
Oud Groot Boumeester / Past Grand Architect Conferred							
*	Bloom	M			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		*	Metcalf	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	KJ Hutton OSM
Africa	Madagascar (Grande Loge Nationale)	1996	Calvet N
Africa	Mali (Grande Loge Nationale)	1999	Akpan I
Africa	Mauritius	2005	
Africa	Morocco (Regular Gand Lodge)	2000	Muhlenbeck FMV
Africa	Mozambique	2009	
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	KJ 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	RSO Ingle OSM
Australasia	Victoria	1889	RSO Ingle OSM
Australasia	Western Australia	1900	FPC Coetzee OSM
Canada	Alberta	1905	Place GS
Canada	British Columbia & Yukon	1871	Place GS
Canada	Grand Lodge of Canada Province 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	EA Bronner OSM

Europe	Bulgaria (United Grand Lodge)	2001	KJ 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	
Europe	Finland	1924	
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	Doucas 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	EA Bronner OSM
Europe	San Marino (Most Serene Republic)	2003	JJ Britz MSA
Europe	Serbia (Regular Grand Lodge)	1919	BTA Rossouw OSM
Europe	Spain	1982	
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	

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	
South America	Venezuela	1824	
United States of America	Alabama	1824	GR Edwards OSM
United States of America	Alaska	1981	
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	KJ 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	
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	Rhodie AGA
United States of America	Missouri	1821	de Kock BJ
United States of America	Montana	1866	Rhodie AGA
United States of America	Nebraska	1857	Rhodie AGA
United States of America	Nevada	1865	Roos P
United States of America	New Hampshire	1789	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	EA Bronner OSM
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	RSO Ingle OSM
United States of America	South Dakota	1875	Nash S
United States of America	Tennessee	1813	
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	
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	RSO Ingle OSM
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	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
*	Gasson	SR	OSM/ODV	Royal Protea	55
*	Germyshuizen	JCM		de Vereeniging	3
*	Gerson	A		Hiram	108
*	Geyser	AH		Aurora	8
*	Gillett	SBH		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Glenton	HG		Cape Town	138
*	Golding	JW		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Gradner	BI		de Goede Verwachting	23

*	Grobbelaar	A		Dagbreek	45
*	Grobler	WJ		Aurora	8
*	Groenewald	CB	OSM/ODV	Albert J Haak	60
*	Haarburger	HH	OSM/ODV	Unie	4
*	Hamilton	CG	OSM/ODV	Theophilus	107
*	Hancke	le R	OSM/ODV	Jacob de Mist	44
	Hekmann	CR		Bellville	42
*	Henkel	EE		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Hermanson	WC		Marina	25
*	Hollevoet	P		Libertas	16
*	Jabkowitz	P		Fidelity	34
*	Johnson	BC		Prins Frederik	19
*	Joubert	DCJ		Marina	25
*	Joubert	JM		Welkom	58
*	Kaestner	SP		Albert J Haak	60
*	Kahn	JH		Benoni Golden Jubilee	76
*	Karon	M		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Katz	CW		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Katz	M		Equity	39
*	Katz	S		Equity	39
*	Katz	R		Star of the East	28
*	Kessler	RJ		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Klein	N	OSM/ODV	Jock of the Bushveld	130
*	Kruger	FJ		Theophilus	107
*	Lande	L		Friendship	95
*	Lawley	HR		de Goede Trouw	2
*	Lello	DO		Prins Frederik	19
*	Levin	MJ		Cape Town	138
*	Levin	B		Kaapstad	81
*	Levy	J		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Loock	F		Bartholomeuz Dias	72
*	Lötter	MJ		de Goede Hoop	1
*	Maree	JL		L'Agullas	36
*	McIver	DR		de Goede Trouw	2
*	McKechnie	N		Hiram	108
*	Meeuwsen	JAS		Jacob de Mist	44
*	Mincer	JJ		L'Agullas	36
*	Minnaar	JJ		Equity	39
*	Mirfin	LH		Westerford	43
*	Mizon	R		Cape Town	138
*	Momberg	CC		The Rising Star	129
*	Moroukian	C		Cape Town	138
	Naude	PJ	MSA/ODV	Trichardt	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
*	Violet	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

The Masonic Homes in Cape Town.



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Wor Bro/ Agb Br ML GESSLER.

**Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master.
Masonic year 2023/2024. Southern Division.**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Benin, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren all;

It gives me great pleasure to present my Annual Report for the 2023/2024 Masonic year. In July 2023, the Provincial Grand Management Committee of the Southern Division adopted a document which carried its vision and was intended to serve as the blueprint for its activities for the ensuing year.

This document, entitled: **“The Professionalization of the Provincial Grand Lodge”** advocates for and mapped a strategy for a move towards a more visible, efficient and compliant Provincial structure.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was faced with

three major challenges, namely:

- 1) The acute shortage of PGL Officers which resulted in low visibility at lodge level and sub-standard performances at Installations and other PGL appearances;
- 2) The slow and sometimes inadequate supporting of Lodges by PGL through its Commissioned Officers;
- 3) The approval and installation by PGL of Presiding Masters with insufficient Masonic and leadership experience who then struggled to lead and grow their Lodges – eventually resulting in the low quality of PGL Officers.

To address these challenges, the Management Committee successfully implemented three key recommendations being:

1) The mobilization and revitalization of the PGL team – **This resulted in the PGL team growing from 15 Officers in the previous year to 27 active Officers in the current year.** This is a huge win for the Southern Division.

2) The repositioning of the Provincial Grand Executive ommittee. **This saw Commissioned Officers taking charge of Key Performance Areas with set KPIs** as against looking after Lodges and duplicating duties and roles. This approach has also proved to be a success with renewed energy at EXCO level.

3) The setting and enforcing a minimum standard of excellence, qualifying a Brother for election as Presiding Master of a Lodge – As a result of this, **the Division has in the last year witnessed the emergence of a new and vibrant generation of first time Presiding Masters** with 5 of our 8 Lodges electing first time Presiding Masters.

MW Grand Master and Brethren, I am pleased to report that the Southern Division PGL team has achieved the turnaround goal which it set for itself. I am privileged to witness and be part of the renewed energy, zeal and devotion which the PGL team displays. I have no doubt that the unity and drive of the PGL team is a spark which will redirect our Division to its path of growth.

Lodge health and Membership.

During the period under review, all the Lodges in the Southern Division have continued with the standard practice of Freemasonry. All Lodges conduct the required ceremonial workings and business meetings, with dispensation sought and granted for any justifiable deviations.

With the cooperation and support of PGL, all Lodges in the Division have now returned to the set installation dates as prescribed in the bylaws of the various Lodges.

While most of our Lodges remain stable and on a positive growth trajectory, Lodge Marina and Lodge Hiram have displayed commendable turnaround and growth, with the Brethren of

both Lodges promoting friendship and social interaction outside the Lodge room. Lodge de Goede Verwachting has taken a turn for the better. Lodge de Goede Trouw and Losie Jacob de Mist are stable Lodges which are set to grow. Lodge Westerford continues to excel with one of its claims to fame being its vibrant social nature. Lodge de Goede Hoop has maintained its high ritual standards and recorded a growth in its numbers.

According to the figures released by the Grand Secretary, the membership of the Southern Division has grown by 10% in the last year.

It is an undeniable truth that the members of our Lodges now live in a world which presents countless challenges, distractions, pressures and demands. The time, availability and resources of our Brethren are constrained.

These challenges notwithstanding, I am pleased to report that the Southern Division has now stopped the disturbing pattern of Lodge closures which had befallen us in recent years. In this regard, credit must be given to the members and Officers of the various Lodges who have continued to labour for the growth of their respective Lodges.

Benevolence, fundraising and Social activities.

The Southern Division is proud of and supports the Feeding Scheme run by Wor Bro Gary Hendricks and Bro Dennis Knight of Lodge Perseverance and Marina, respectively. Gary and Dennis, assisted by their families feed over 350 residents of the Mitchells Plain community on a weekly basis. Sincere thanks must be extended to Gary, Dennis and their families and to all the Lodges and Brethren who support this lofty initiative.

Wor Bro Marco Petronio, his family and a team of friends have championed the marshalling for the Cape Town Marathon and the Cape Town Cycle Tour. This has become a significant fundraiser in the Division registering in excess of R40 000 towards our PGL Benevolent Fund. Marco – to you, Candice and your girls, we say thank you.

The Lodge de Goede Hoop Masonic Movie Club which was started this year has gained momentum and is now a well enjoyed event in the calendar of the Southern Division. Not only is this an enjoyable social event, it is a Masonic learning experience as well.

The Christmas in July lunch was organised by Lodge Westerford and supported by the Brethren of the Division who sponsored residents of our Masonic Homes to a well enjoyed celebration. Lodge Westerford has earned itself the reputation of a Lodge which takes socials and fundraising seriously. Well done to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge Westerford.

Lodge Marina and Lodge Perseverance hosted a successful and fun quiz night which was enjoyed by over 40 Brethren and their families.

MW Grand Master and Brethren, although we can never do enough, the SD has had a busy year with regards to benevolence and charity. Going by the number of social events, we have also had a good time this year.

2023 Masonic Olympics.

The Southern Division representing the GLSA took active part in the Masonic Olympics this year and at the close of the games took the 1st Prize in 3 of the disciplines, namely: Trivia; Pool and Shooting. Well done to all the Brethren who participated and I encourage more Brethren to take part in the coming years.

Masonic Homes.

The Masonic Homes are a proud initiative of the Southern Division and supported by all Freemasons in South Africa across all Constitutions.

Four of our 5 homes are doing well with the residents enjoying their time in the Homes. The Masonic Homes for Quadriplegics has been experiencing some challenges with most residents finding it hard to sustain themselves

and the home. An appeal was sent out and the response from the Masonic Community was overwhelming. Thank you to all the Brethren and Lodges who came to the support of the Quad Home.

I would like to express sincere appreciation the Directors of Masonic Homes NPC, its Chairman – Wor Bro Michael Burchell and all the house committee members for their commitment to the maintenance and upkeep of our Homes.

The Masonic Homes is an incredible legacy which we should all protect, preserve and cherish.

Masonic activity and new initiatives.

Masters and Wardens Meeting.

I am pleased to report that the Division has reinstated the annual Masters and Wardens meeting. On Saturday 25th November 2023, all Lodges were represented at an interactive and productive Masters and Wardens Meeting.

Apprentices and Fellowcraft Workshops.

On a monthly basis, the Provincial Grand Master and the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters meets with all the Apprentices and Fellowcrafts of the Division for a workshop/discussion on any selected Masonic topic of interest or importance. These workshops have all been well attended and the discussions have been fruitful with much positive feedback from the Brethren.

I must commend the Presiding Master of Lodge de Goede Hoop, Wor Bro Bradley Bordiss for carrying on with the initiative of meeting with the Apprentices and Fellowcrafts with the sole purpose of Masonic Education (and a glass or two of whiskey after the sessions).

Lodge Visit Tracker.

The Provincial Grand Lodge has commissioned and approved the design of an app to record, track and analyse the data related to Lodge

visits by Brethren. With this app, a Brother simply scans a provide QR Code and his information is synchronized and recorded reflecting the meeting he is attending or visiting. This app will also record the charges which Brethren deliver at a working and serve as a database to be used by Lodge Preceptors when allocating roles or when a Lodge requires assistance. Bro Femi Baiyewu of Lodge de Goede Hoop has been instrumental in the design and creation of this app. Thanks Femi.

Finances.

The Province's finances remain a stable position, much improved from the position we were at the beginning of the year. This item will be covered in more detail by the Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report.

2024 Masonic Ball.

This year is a special year for the Southern Division as the Spring Ball Magazine reaches its 50th Anniversary. This is a phenomenal achievement which every member of this Division should be proud of. I will like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brethren who have contributed to this huge success. I will like to single out MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM who has produced the Spring Ball Magazine for 25 of the 50 years of its existence. Congratulations Geoff and thank you for your dedication and service to the Southern Division.

This year's Spring Ball takes place tonight and it promises to be a happy, fun and successful event. I must express my sincere gratitude to the Chairman of the Spring Ball Committee, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Wor Bro Marco Petronio, his family and the rest of the Spring Ball Committee.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who have made PGL the success it has become this year, I thank you for your willingness and zeal and I sincerely trust that regardless of the road or circumstances ahead, your dedication to Province will remain steadfast.

To the Provincial Grand Secretary, Wor Bro Llewellyn Lloyd- Jones. This year has not an easy year for you yet you have continued to give your demanding Office the very best you can give. I appreciate your hard work, willingness and most importantly, your friendship. Thanks Llew.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Wor Bro Anthony van Dijk continues to look after the PGL finances diligently and courageously even at times in the face of difficulties and frustrations. Anthony, the Southern Division is fortunate to have you and I thank you for all you do.

To the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, it has been an incredible pleasure and privilege to have served this Division with you. Frank, Malcolm and Marco - Brethren I really do appreciate the friendship, the help, the input, and the support that you have provided to me.

To the fellow Provincial Grand Masters of our Sister Divisions, 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. As we have found a way to work well together as a team, let us continue to be a source of support to each other as we face common challenges.

I am thankful to the **Heads of the Sister Constitutions** who are present here today. We enjoy a warm and fraternal relationship and I look forward to building closer friendships and bonds with you. Thank you for your presence here today.

To all the members of the Southern Division, I thank each and every one of you for your individual efforts, dedication, support and commitment to our shared values. I believe that, together, we can overcome the challenges we face and build upon our successes for an even brighter future for the Southern Division.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless and prosper us all.

SMIB. RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen.
Provincial Grand Master: Southern Division.

**Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers
2024/2025.**

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Raymond Eyiomen
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Marco Petronio
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Malcolm Gessler
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Frank Begot
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Giuseppe Ricci
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Johann Spotta
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Sean Stuart
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Cyril Engelke
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Gary Hendricks
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Llewellyn Lloyd-Jones
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Anthony van Dijk
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Cornelis Burger
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Louis Krige
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Llewellyn Lloyd-Jones
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Jonathan Curtis
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Jakobus van Zyl
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Cedrick Mukendi
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Bradley Bordiss
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Alfred van der Westhuizen
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Duwayne Brown
Provincial Grand Tyler	Wor Bro	Jesse Bossenge-Nkoy
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Stephane Rogovsky
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Tony Monzoto
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Avron Lucas
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Jonathan Curtis
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Dennis Knight

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2024.

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	Phiroze Gorvalla	4th	Wed	October
Hiram	108	1971	Phiroze Gorvalla	3rd	Tue	October
Perseverance	126	1977	Phiroze Gorvalla	1st	Tue	November

Lodge	e-mail
de Goede Hoop	degoedehoop@grandlodge.co.za
de Goede Trouw	degoedetrouw@grandlodge.co.za
de Goede Verwachting	degoeeverwachting@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

Name	Master	Secretary
De Goede Hoop	Wor Bro BJ Bordiss	MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
De Goede Trouw	Wor Bro AJ van der Westhuizen	Bro HF Mulder
De Goede Verwachting	Wor Bro DJH Brown	Wor Bro JP Wilson
Marina	Wor Bro S Rogovsky	Wor Bro LR Lloyd-Jones
Westerford	Wor Bro SB Stuart	Bro R Kakesse
Jacob De Mist	Wor Bro CW Burger	Wor Bro LB van der Linde
Hiram	Wor Bro CM Mukendi	Bro R Kakesse
Perseverance	Wor Bro GA Hendricks	Wor Bro LC Krige



Lodge de Goede Hoop.



Lodge de Goede Trouw.



Lodge Hiram.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootlosie van Suid Afrika.

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling 2023/2024.

Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester.



RW Bro / SV Br SP NASH.

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Wor Bro / Agb Br G Bosch

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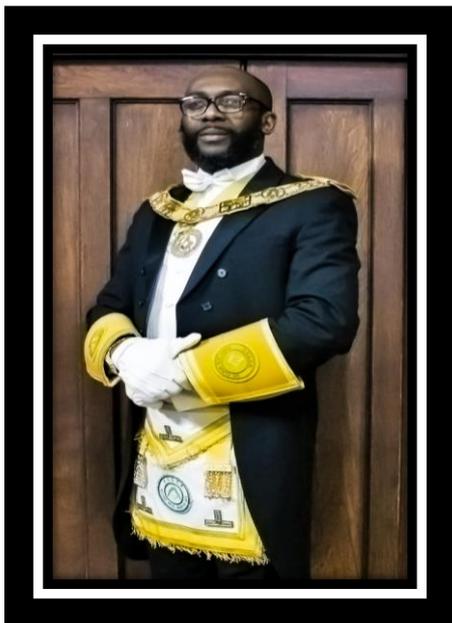
**Provincial Grand Lodge - Commissioned Officers.
Provinsiale Grootlosie - Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraers.**

Deputy Provincial Grand Master / Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester.



Wor Bro/Agb Br M MOSTERT.

Assistant Provincial Grand Masters - Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeesters.



Wor Bro/Agb Br A NDUBUISI.



Wor Bro /Agb Br G BOSCH.

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master. Masonic year 2023/2024. Northern Division.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Godfrey Stuart Place, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Geoff Edwards OSM, Dave Duncan OSM and John Smith OSM MSA, 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 2023/2024 year.

Little did I realise this time last year, when I delivered an overly positive report that I, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, would face and overcome numerous challenges in the coming year. On a personal note, the year would start with the passing of my Brother Paul to the Eternal East just two weeks after our AGM, followed by some challenging health issues, and just when I started to think the GAOTU was punishing me for being too cocky in my previous report, I was blessed to marry Jané in March.

As a Division, we faced the closure of Lodge Vereeniging due to a lack of local support after a short lived revival; some unfortunate conflict arose between senior brethren and between two of our Lodges; we lost a large number of brethren due to exclusion for non-payment of fees at the end of 2023; and while all of this was happening, faced the challenges of adapting to the change of Leadership in Grand Lodge.

Change is never easy, but when coupled with these other challenges, may at times easily seem more daunting than it actually is.

The pervading lacklustre and despondent attitude of our countrymen in reaction to the socio-economic situation in the country, and with load shedding, crime, corruption and all of the skullduggery that elections seem to encourage being the order of the day, has of course at times affected many of our Brethren, and added to our challenges as leaders. The

same lacklustre attitude has unfortunately pervaded some of their Masonic activities.

But after all is said and done, as Masonic leaders, we have a duty to the Great Architect of the Universe, to the Grand Lodge, to our Brethren and to society at large to face these challenges with courage and determination.

In this regard, I am reminded of the quote from Douglas MacArthur, that famous World War Two military leader and Freemason: "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to others". I hope that through the previous year's challenges, I have been able to stand by these words. If at times I appear to have faltered in the previous year: rest assured that my determination to fulfil my obligations remains absolute.

Much has happened this year to give cause for deep contemplation and remind ourselves of the importance of endeavouring to apply the lessons of our Ancient and Honourable Order to both our personal lives, and to our roles as leaders on a daily basis.

We are hopeful that the socio-economic circumstances and of course attitude of all concerned will improve now that the elections are behind us and the Government can get down to the business of serving the electorate.

As mentioned, we lost three Brethren who passed to the Eternal East this past year. The first much closer to home than comfortable, another was an institution in our Order and the third too young to die, but all of them were a sad Loss. We will pay our respects to them during the AGM in the traditional fashion.

The large number of exclusions due to non-payment of fees, the three aforementioned Brethren who passed to the Eternal East and some resignations resulted in the calendar year ending with a net loss in membership of 36. Thankfully we have been able to initiate 24

members since January to make up these losses and have a fair number of Candidates in process. We remain determined to complete this calendar year reflecting a net growth in spite of those earlier losses. Clearly, we do not have challenges recruiting members; our challenge lies in retaining the interest of our Master Masons sufficiently for them to prioritise remaining members and the payment of their fees.

Challenges around the collection of capitation fees continued, and it is imperative that Lodge Leadership, in particular Presiding Masters and Treasurers, take up the responsibility of ensuring membership and capitation fees are timeously collected from members and paid to Provincial Grand Lodge promptly. While this has now been resolved and I am pleased to report we have settled our obligations to Grand Lodge, we must remain vigilant in this regard.

As always, there are those Lodges which seemed to be better equipped to rise above the challenges facing them during the previous year, and I can only put this down to the Lodge leadership.

Lodge Alpha, Koh-I-Noor, MW Pretorius, President Burgers, Prins Frederik, Star of the East, Star of the Rand and Trichardt have all shown growth since January and in particular, Lodge MW Pretorius with a growth of four members; and Lodge Trichardt with a growth of six, are examples of what can be achieved with enthusiastic leadership. It is noteworthy that the growth in Lodge Trichardt was driven by the then Lodge Secretary who at the time was Presiding Master of Lodge Star of the East, which also grew by three members. It can and has been done Brethren, and we need to collectively focus on the positive actions that make that growth possible.

Not surprisingly, our strategies for the coming years remain sustainable growth across a wider base of our Lodges, and a renewed focus on retention.

The satisfaction survey conducted in June had an outstanding response rate of 30% and gave some truly insightful feedback. Our Brethren

who are properly mentored strongly believe that they receive better value for money, have a better overall experience and meet their expectations on joining the Order far more than those who are not mentored. A number of tactics around the improvement of our mentoring will therefore be introduced and monitored this year.

I would like to once again make use of this opportunity to thank all of the members of the PGL ND EXCO for their contributions this past year for which I am eternally grateful. While we all know there is always room for improvement, I am mindful of the fact that you are all volunteers who take time out of their busy lives to serve our order.

I would also like to thank all of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers for their dedication and commitment, we have once again driven many kilometres to fulfil our duties, all without complaint. Some of you have taken office at short notice to assist where others have been unable, rest assured these efforts do not go unnoticed.

The Travelling Gavel trophy, currently held by Lodge Alpha, has continued to play a role in increasing visiting between Lodges, with numbers in excess of 40 at a ceremonial working not being unusual.

Once again however, the enthusiasm of our senior Brethren and their commitment to visiting other Lodges has continued to play a role in this increased activity and I value their commitment and enthusiasm.

The Division and Lodges again supported a number of charitable causes in the past year, from the Grand Master's cookie challenge for Christmas which had 400 kgs of cookies donated by the Lodges and distributed to those in need to brighten their Christmas, to the many donations made in respect of blankets for indigent as well as for animals and other local causes. The Burns night banquet to be held after the AGM will raise funds in aid of ADASA, the Alzheimer's and Dementia Association for South Africa, a worthy cause which focusses on providing support and assistance for a terrible disease

which can at times be neglected by society. As you all know, our Grandmaster has pledged his support for this worthy cause during his term.

Studies have estimated that Dementia affects between 3.8% and 11% of adults aged 60 and older, the effects of which can be debilitating. Alzheimer's represents between 60 and 70% of Dementia cases. Age, obesity, physical inactivity and high blood pressure are amongst the modifiable risk factors for developing dementia.

Freemasonry is, and should remain a rewarding, meaningful and fun activity for our Members and our positive use of the Balanced Lodge Program should be an effective measure of how well we are succeeding in this regard. Unfortunately, many Lodges do not participate by completing the simple scorecard.

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 grace this past year may not have been bearable, 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 Maxwell Matjane, who has resigned from his role as Assistant Provincial Grand Master in order to pursue his other interests in Freemasonry, I thank you for your service and wish you success and happiness in your ongoing Masonic career.

To every Lodge Master, Officer and member who once again 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.

To the Grandmaster, MW Bro Godfrey Place, thank you for your willingness to engage and offer support; this past year has been a challenging one and has required that we all dig deeply.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Masters in the Sister Divisions, I thank you for your friendship, guidance and fellowship, we have started to work well together as a team and will often be a source of guidance to each other when resolving common challenges.

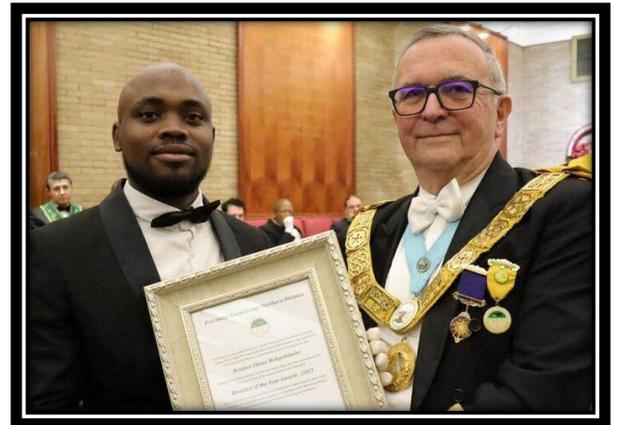
To the Heads of our Sister Constitutions, I am once again impressed by your willingness to work together in the best interests of Freemasonry - I will say more about this at the AGM.

And last but not least, to my wife Jané. You were aware of the extent of my Masonic commitments before we got married and moved in together, but I suspect that you were not aware of the amount of energy, trials and tribulations that are involved in being a Masonic leader. To your credit, and my benefit, you have been a constant source of love, wisdom and support, and have never wavered in your encouragement. Thank you.

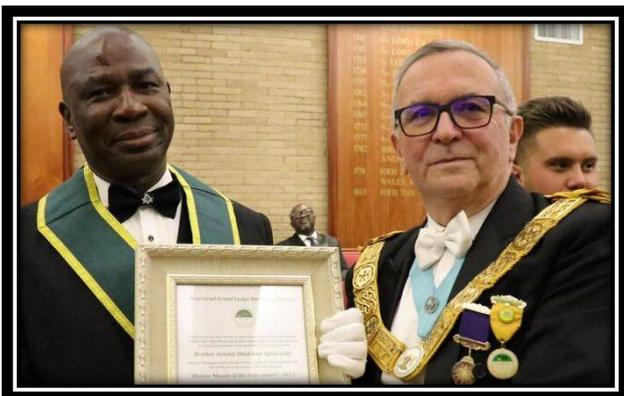
**SMIB. RW Bro Simon Nash.
Provincial Grand Master: Northern
Division.**



Bro G Nortje, author of the “Paul Nash best paper of the year”.



Bro China Mokgalaboke “Ritualist of the year”.



*Wor Bro Sunday Ogunronbi.
“Master Mason of the year”*



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

**Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers.
2024 / 2025.**

Provincial Grand Master - Northern Division	RW Bro	Simon Nash
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Marius Mostert
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Gerald Bosch
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Alexander Ndubuisi
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Michiel Victor
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Stefan Stadler
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Jacques Fouche
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Donald Onyango
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Maoto Mabogwane
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Darrin Dicks
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Gerald Bosch
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Marius Mostert
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Willie Luck
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Chris-Jan Cornelius
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Kelvin Aku
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Herman Roos
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Wesley van Dyk
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Charl Palm
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Allen Tshabangu
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Oladapo Adepoju
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Leroyd Bergsteedt
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Joseph Ngafoua
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Dean Liversage
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Douglas Sansom
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	Alexander Ndubuisi

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2024.

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
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
Jock of the Bushveld	130	1983	Barberton	2nd	Sat	July	2nd Sat
Flaming Star	139	2005	Orange Grove	3rd	Mon	April	

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Orange	orange@grandlodge.co.za
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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	Bro EJ Palmer
Star of the Rand	Wor Bro L Bergstreedt	RW Bro SP Nash
Libertas	RW Bro JJ Britz MSA	Wor Bro M Mostert
De Broederband	Wor Bro D Leversage	Bro JC Jansen
Prins Frederik	RW Bro R Coenen	Bro GJ Muller
Star of the East	Wor Bro D Dicks	Bro GG Parkin
Star of the West	Wor Bro DM Sansom	Bro S Henderson
Albert J Haak	Wor Bro JH Roets	Wor Bro M Mostert
MW Pretorius	Wor Bro WJ van Dyk	Wor Bro M Mostert
Vereeniging	Wor Bro DJ Vosloo	Wor Bro L Bergsteedt
President Burgers	Wor Bro SO Ogunrombi	Wor Bro M Matjane
Golden City	Wor Bro V Gautam	Wor Bro MM Nunes
Koh-I-Noor	Wor Bro R Uys	RW Bro B Topham OSM
Alpha	Wor Bro A Ndubuisi	Wor Bro D Onyango
Friendship	Wor Bro J Ngafoua	Wor Bro I Huntly
Trichardt	Wor Bro WC Luck	Wor Bro WHB Snit Snr
Brits	Wor Bro E Albasini	Wor Bro PA Pretorius
Flaming Star	Wor Bro J Boussougouth	Bro CW Kasongo



Losie de Broederband.



Lodge Prins Frederik.



Losie Libertas.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootblei van Suid Afrika.

Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling. 2023/2024.

Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester.



SV Br / RW Br M KOCK.

Provinsiale Grootsekretaris / Provincial Grand Secretary:

Agb Br / Wor Bro DW le Roux

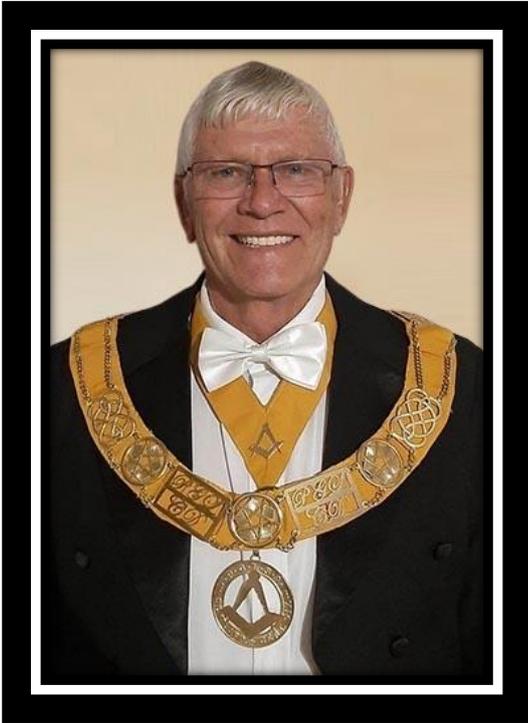
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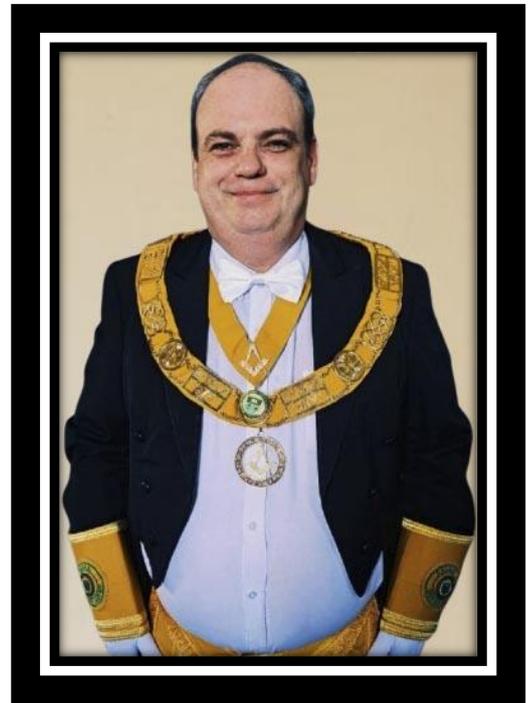


**Provincial Grand Lodge - Commissioned Officers.
Provinsiale Grootlosie - Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraer.**

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester.



Agb Br / Wor Bro J COETZEE.



Agb Br / Wor Bro F DAUTH.

**Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master.
Masonic year 2023/2024. Central Division.**

Hoog Eerwaarde, Seer Verligte, Seer Agbare, Agbare broers en broers almal:

Sedert Julie 2023 het ek die voorreg gehad om hierdie provinsie te lei en te bestuur as Waarnemende PGM. Dankie vir hierdie voorreg.

Tvdens hierdie tydperk het ek die volgende strategie gevole nl:

1. Vrymesselary is uit eie vrye wil en nie verpligtend nie, dus moet dit lekker wees en elke lid moet geestelik en morele groei ervaar. Hierdie kwaliteit produk sal alle ander beproewinge oorskadu.

2, Konsentreer op eenvoudige moreel etiese waades. Betrek die gesinne en families van lede.

Hierdie skep n gevoel van heilsaamheid en al die bestaande losies wat hierdie resepe volg, is gesond en gebalanseerd.

3. Sorg dat n bestuurs stvl van nederigheid gehandhaaf word deur die provinsie. Deur dit te doen skep jy n bestuurstyl waar elke lid die vrymoedigheid het, om insette te mag lewer en ook aktief betrokke te wees. In wese kry elke lid eienaarskap van die organisasie en word elke lid betrek om meelewend in alle beplanning en aktiwiteite te wees.

Ek is vas oortuig dat die Sentrale afdeling steeds lewens vatbaar is, en “n bestaansreg het. Met hierdie in gedagte moet ons besef dat hierdie voortbestaan egter af hang van, gesonde en deursigtige bestuurspraktyke. Tans is baie van die lede apaties teenoor die provinsiale grootlosie. Ons beskik egter oor baie innoverende en talentvolle lede, wat besig is om tot hul reg te kom, nadat hul betrek is in deel gemaak is van n funksionele bestuursplan.

Ledetal en losies.

Ledetal, was nog altyd, en sal ook altyd n probleem bly. Dit kan egter bestuur word om nie ‘n probleem te wees nie. Hoe meer funksionele losies ons het in die provinsie hoe groter word ons "footprint" en maak lidmaatskap meer gerieflik en toeganklik. Ons het ondervind hoe meer lede aktief is in hul onderskeie gemeenskappe hoe meer aanvaarbaar raak vrymesselary.

Soos in die verlede het ons n teiken getal van 3 nuwe lede per losie per jaar, hierdie teiken het losies gemotiveer en in die losies waar dit aangedryf is, is dit suksesvol. Dus indien dit weer positief geïnisiëer word, sal dit verdere resultate afwerp.

Die Sentrale afdeling bestaan steeds uit nege (9) losies met gesamentlike ledetal wat gegroei het van 73 na 82 lede, hierdie ledetal word opgemaak deur 64 werklike lede en 18 dupliserende lede. Volgens my beskeie mening is ‘n gesonde syfer vir hierdie afdeling ongeveer 100 na 105 lede vir die getal losies, Met inagnome dat die oorgrote meerderheid van die dupliserende lede hul bevind in twee losies nl: Losie Diamond en Losie Magersfontein. Saamtrek van die hele provinsie se losie lede was gehou op naweek van 6 tot 9 November 2023 te Aldam Oord geleë te Ventersburg.

Dit is gedoen om weer die die samehorigheid en broederskap te hervestig en te versterk in die provinsie. Tydens hierdie naweek is vergadering gehou met al die broers van die verskillende losies om die pad vorentoe te bespreek en ook hul sieninge en menings te hoor. Die fondasie vir ons provinsie se toekoms is gelê en ons kan nou met vertroue bou aan ons

ledetal. Alhoewel ons die afgelope kwartaal gegroei het, moet ons steeds met n groot getal lede groei om werklik funksioneel en doelgerig te kan arbeid.

Die toekoms lyk rooskleurig en ons is vol vertroue om ons doelwit van 3 lede per losie te bereik in die komende jaar.

Losie Central Free State (Welkom).

11 meesters/ 2 geselle en 2 Leerlinge (teiken getal van 3 is wel bereik en oorskry)
Die losie is steeds baie aktief en gemotiveerd. Vanaf Julie 2023 het hul twee eerste graad werkings gedoen. Ek het persoonlik die werking in Nov bygewoon met ‘n amptelik afvaardiging vanaf losie Senekal. Twee van De Morgenster se lede is onder my aandrang oorgeplaas na hierdie losie aangesien dit meer prakties en haalbaar is. Hul het n verdere 2 kanidate in die nabye toekoms in die pyplyn. Die losie is stabiel en gefokus.

Losie Dasbreek (Bloemfontein).

7 meesters / 4 leerlinge / L kanidate (teiken getal van 3 is bereik en oorskry)
Die losie is onder leiding van Agbare Broer John Meyer as meester en S.V. Br Frans Appelgryn as sekretaris. Die Losie is steeds baie aktief en besoek ander losies op n gereelde basis. Hul het ‘n derde graad werking op 8 Jan 2024 vir Br Eon Kruger gehad. Hul is op datum met al hul finansiële asook administratiewe verpligtinge. Agbare broer John Meyer het ook gedurende laat November en Desember n besoek aan India gedoen, waar hy verskeie losies besoek het.

Gedurende die eerste week van Desember het die losie ook Finansiële hulp verleen aan n behoevende huisgesin wat hul huis in n brand verloor het. Die betrokke losie se ritueel werk is steeds van puik gehalte en standaard is baie goed.

Losie Unie (Bloemfontein).

11 meesters/
Hierdie losie word goed bestuur onder leiding van Agb Br Riaan Croucamp en sekretaris Agb Broer John Meyer. Hul besoek gereeld die

ander losies in Bloemfontein, maar reis min na ander verder geleë losies. Die losie is ook in goeie harmonie en stabiel met min onstuimigheid. Hul is op datum met al hul finansiële asook administratiewe verpligtinge.

Peace & Harmony (Kimberley).

14 meesters/2 kanidate (werk aan doelstelling) Behalwe vir een bedanking (verhuis na kinders in JHB.) is die status quo redelik dieselfde. Hul was ook baie betrokke en aktief by die bevestiging van SV Br Peet Louw se installasie as Distriks Grootmeester van afdeling Vrystaat sentraal. Hul is gemotiveerd en het verskeie planne om bykomende lede te werf, Agb Br Francois Dauth is tans voorsittende Meester en Agbare Br Mike Combrink sekretaris.

Een van hul lede het meer as 25 jaar diens. Die ander lede is betreklik jonk met minder as 6 jaar diens. Hul is op datum met al hul finansiële asook administratiewe verpligtinge. Die lede van hierdie losie laat hul nie afskrik van afstande nie en ry geweldig rond vir besoeke. Hul is aktief en word goed bygewoon deur lede van die susters konstitusies. Hierdie losie se gebou is seker die beste versorgde losie in die Sentrale afdeling. Die broers word ook baie goed deur hul onderskeie families ondersteun.

De Morgenster (Kroonstad).

6 meesters (2 werklike huis losie en 4 Dupliserende lede) daar is ongeveer 3 potensiële lede.

Die huidige Meester is Agb Br John Kriel en sekretaris word tans hanteer deur Agb Br Johnny Cambanis. Hierdie losie is vanjaar prioriteit om gehervestig te word in nuwe gebou in Kroonstad. My beweegrede hiervoor is omrede Kroonstad die tweede grootste stad in die sentrale afdeling is met n geraamde bevolking van ongeveer 600 000 inwoners. Dis is daar baie potensiaal en as vrymesselary moet ons poog om ons voetspoor daar te behou.

Hierdie losie is steeds in "limbo" weens die feit dat hul losie gebou verkoop is en het hul tans nie n amptelike gebou nie. Huidiglik hou hul maandeliks in Losie Central Free State se gebou vergadering wat dit problematies maak. Die Meester se gesondheid laat hom in die steek

deurdat sy oë drasties verswak en hy nie in die aand kan bestuur nie.

Senekal.

8 meesters/ 2 Gesele/ 1 leerling/ 3 kanidate en oud lid vir heraansluiting (reeds doelwit bereik).

Gedurende hierdie termyn is SV. Br Alf Bronner bevestig as voorsittende meester en Br Andries Prinsloo as Sekretaris te Aldam Oord, te Ventersburg. Hierdie losie het n amptelike besoek gebring aan Losie CFS en is baie aktief en besoek deurlopend al die ander losies in die Sentrale afdeling. Daar is verskeie potensiële lede wat klop en ons ons voorsien om met ongeveer 4 nuwe lede te groei in die nuwe jaar. Hul jaarlikse kersfunksie vir minder bevoorregtes te Senekal op 2 Desember 2023 was n groot sukses en is goed teenwoordig deur verskeie losies asook publiek. Die losie se finansies is gesond.

Parys.

2 Ere Lede/ 5 meesters/ 2 leerlinge/ 5 potensiële lede.

Een lid het meer as 29jaar diens verder is almal onder 10 jaar diens

Die huidige meester is Agb Br Stephan Venter met sekretaris Agb Br Donovan Le Roux.

Positiewe inligting is, dat daar vir die eerste keer in baie jare 2 lede in Parys woonagtig is, plus die 3 van die potensiële kanidate.

Hierdie losie is aktief en stabiel, hul het verskeie planne op die tafel om die orde te bemark en hul voetspoor in Parys te vergroot. Goeie verhouding met n Broer uit Nederland is gebou, hierdie betrokke Broer het ook te kenne gegee dat hy by Parys wil aansluit. Die betrokke Broer beplan ook om sy hele Nederlandse losie te bring vir n besoek aan Parys. Hul is op datum met al hul finansiële verpligtinge.

Magersfontein.

5 ere lede/ 9 meesters

Hierdie losie is steeds stabiel en funksioneel. Die kwytskelding van dubbele kapitasie het hierdie losie baie gebaat.

Tans is Agb Br Peet Louw verbonde aan die Engelse Grootlosie met die amp as" DGM

Central South Africa/division" die meester by hierdie losie, die sekretaris is Agb Br Francois Dauth. Hul vergader te Losie Peace & Harmony, Kimberley en dien as inter konstitusionele losie wat n poort bied vir die lede van ander susterskontitusies om by GLSA betrokke te raak. Hul is op datum met al hul finansiële asook administratiewe verpligtinge,

Diamond.

5 meesters (almal gedupliseerd)

Die losie is steeds aktief en stabiel alhoewel die potensiaal vir nuwe lede skraal is.

In Desember is Agb Br Theoniel Pieterse as meester bevestig en S.V. Br Frans Appelgryn as sekretaris.

Hierdie losie hou maandeliks vergadering te losie gebou in Jagersfontein, voorheen Losie Star of Africa No 51 op die register van GL. Op aandrang van die gebou se eienares Leatitia Beukes Swanepoel word daar weer aktief masonieke aktiwiteite beoefen. Hierdie gebou dien ook as gastehuis en werkende museum. Dit bevoordeel die orde deur dat blootselling kosteloos gegee word aan die orde. Aangesien geen van die lede in Jagersfontein woonagtig is nie, en almal pendel vanaf Bloemfontein. Hul is op datum met al hul finansiële asook administratiewe verpligtinge.

Werwings en bemarking moontlikhede.

Hierdie is slegs gedagtes om te oorweeg en moet gevorm en verander word tot dit sal werk.

1. Welsyns werk: deur elke losie te motiveer om by een of ander plaaslike welsyns projek betrokke te raak. Elke plattelandse dorp is uniek en het hul eie gemeenskapsgedrewe organisasies wat betrokke is met verligtings werk. Hierdie is 'n gesonde en praktiese manier om passiewe bemarking te doen en terselfdertyd vrymesselary se beeld te verbeter.

2. Geskiedenis en nalatenskap van die orde. In die platteland is ons geskiedenis van kardinale belang aangesien dit twee probleme aanspreek naamlik ons positiewe betrokkenheid in ons gemeenskappe deur die jare en ons positiewe aansien in die

onderskeie gemeenskappe. Byna al ons ou losie geboue was op een of ander tyd gedurende oorloë en/of ander krisis tye gebruik as hospitale en/ of veilige plekke. Hierdie inligting word uit onkunde, nie bemark en bekend gemaak nie. Dit is hartseer omrede dit tot geweldige voordeel gebruik kan word. My gedagte is om een broer aan te stel om hierdie inligting na te vors en bekend te maak. (Agb Br Johan Wolfaardt)

3. Rotasie van Provinsie bevestigings: Die provinsiale bevestiging sal elke jaar by 'n ander losie gehou word. Dit kan elke losie bemark en die geleentheid te bied om ook blootstelling te geniet. Dit sal ook aan elke losie die geleentheid bied om fondse in te samel. Hierdie sal op n vrywillige basis benader word, en elke losie sal self besluit of hul deel wil wees van so rotasie program.

4. Universiteits losie vestig in Bloemfontein wat aanloklik sal wees vir studente met hul unieke karaktertrekke. Dit kan dien as 'n konstante bron van jong lede en alle losies kan daaruit baat.

5. Jaarlikse "Charity Auction" 'n Veiling waar items aangebied kan word aan broers, maar ook publiek om fondse in te samel vir bepaalde doel bv. Skoolklere vir behoevende kinders.

6. Talente veilings 'n Veiling waar elke broer n talent / diens skenk wat opgeveil word Bv indien jy n bou kontrakteur is, die arbeid om n huis te verfens. Hierdie veilings is 'n gesellige geleentheid wat enorme bedrae geld vinnig insamel.

Ek hoop hierdie kan 'n paar unieke geleenthede bied om ons orde te groei en suksesvol te maak. As vrymesselaar en saam met die bestuurspan onderneem ek, om my uiterste bes te doen om hierdie unieke afdeling van krag tot krag te laat groei .

Broederlike Groete,

U nederige broer.

SV Br Marcel de Kock.

Provinsiale Grootmeester:

Sentrale Afdeling.



Annual meeting of the Central Division.

**Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Grootlosie Ampsdraers
2024 / 2025.**

Provincial Grand Master	SV Br	Marcel de Kock
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Agb Br	Jan Coetzee
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Agb Br	Francois Dauth
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Agb Br	Machiel Combrink
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Agb Br	John Cambanis
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Agb Br	Carel Meyer
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Agb Br	Theoniel Pieterse
Provincial Grand Orator	Agb Br	Johan Wolfaardt
Provincial Grand Orator	Agb Br	Barney Fourie
Provincial Grand Secretary	Agb Br	Donovan Le Roux
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Agb Br	Donovan Le Roux
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Agb Br	John Meyer
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Agb Br	Donovan Le Roux
Provincial Grand Almoner	Agb Br	John Meyer
Provincial Grand Architect	Agb Br	Andries Prinsloo
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Agb Br	Gerhard Coetzee
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Agb Br	Stephan Venter
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Agb Br	Marius Kapp
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Agb Br	Victor Kumm

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2024

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

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Diamond	diamond@grandlodge.co.za
Senekal	senekal@grandlodge.co.za
Parys	parys@grandlodge.co.za
Central Free State	centralfreestate@grandlodge.co.za
Dagreek	dagbreek@grandlodge.co.za
Magersfontein	maggersfontein@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Unie	Agb Br Bro P Early	Agb Br JC Meyer
De Morgenster	Agb Br JP Kriel	Br LP Van Rooyen
Peace & Harmony	Agb Br F Dauth	Agb Br MJ Combrink
Diamond	Agb Br JC Meyer	SV Br FJ Appelgryn
Senekal	SV Br EA Bronner OSM	Br AHB Prinsloo
Parys	Agb Br M van der Merwe	Agb Br J Wolfaardt
Central Free State	Agb Br A Abatzoglou	Br J van Vuuren
Dagreek	Agb Br JC Meyer	SV Br FJ Appelgryn
Magersfontein	Agb Br JC Cambanis	Agb Br F Dauth



Brethren and guests enjoying the traditional Central Division Braaivleis.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootlosie van Suid Afrika.

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling.

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Provincial Grand Lodge - Commissioned Officers.

Provinsiale Grootlosie - Gevolmagtigde Ampsdraers.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master / Depute Provinsiale Grootmeester.



Wor Bro / Agb Br I EZEUDUJI.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistant Provincial Grootmeester.



Wor Bro / Agb Br H SELZER.

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master. Masonic year 2023/2024. Eastern Division.

Most Worshipful Brethren, Right Worshipful Brethren, Very Worshipful Brethren, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren:

I welcome you to our 47th Annual General Meeting. I sincerely appreciate every Brother here today who took the time from their busy schedule to join us in celebrating another Annual General Meeting. It may sound strange to state that we are celebrating another AGM but just as we have to be grateful for another day of being alive every morning we wake up, as Masons we need to be grateful for another year of surviving as a Division, despite the serious challenges of diminishing membership. General:

In a recent conversation with the MW Grand Master, he advised me not to try and patch up cracks with paper; any report such as this one should be brutally honest and point out the challenges and problems facing the Eastern Division. It is not all doom and gloom and there are indications of light at the end of the tunnel, but we must make very sure that the light approaching us in that tunnel is not a freight train. We must properly formulate our vision for the future and work at it every single day.

Membership.

Due to a variety of factors, our membership has further declined to a total of 36 members. We have to balance our recruitment efforts with the proper preparation of existing lodge members to be able and qualified to receive and initiate new candidates and mentor them to such an extent that they will be retained as members for many years to come.

Vague and general statements regarding recruitment and retention are not going to get the job done. We must be very specific, realistic and committed to our vision and the practical steps we are going to take to achieve it.

Firstly, we will stabilise our lodges by making them happy places again. Social gatherings and improved ritual work will be the foundation of

this process. Low attendance at lodge meetings is a sure indication that brethren are not enjoying coming to meetings, and I am very sure that the lack of social activities contributed to this situation. Members cannot be forced to be sociable, but as soon as opportunities are created for these social activities, the ball starts rolling again. The Ritual Excellence program has been neglected badly and will be revived to ensure improvement in ritual work.

As requested by the Grand Master, efforts have been made to contact members who resigned in the past few years, both in Durban and Pietermaritzburg. We have already had a measure of success in talking to these brethren about returning to the Craft, but time will tell.

Lodges of the Eastern Division.

Lodge First United has unfortunately had a steep decline in membership over the past year. It was partly due to members relocating, but it was also due to friction between senior members of the lodge which has since been resolved to a large degree. The WM, Wor Bro Henry Selzer, has a firm grip on the efforts to rebuild the lodge and two new candidates were initiated in 2024 already.

As with all other Eastern Division lodges, one of the main challenges is the financial hardship and work commitments of the members. Financial hardship does not only result in issues regarding payment of subscriptions, but it also leads to limited availability of brethren to attend regular meetings as they must work more than one job to make ends meet. Brethren who were very committed and regularly attended meetings in the past, are unable to do so now until their financial circumstances improve.

The quality of the new initiates is very encouraging, and it bodes well for Lodge First United.

Lodge Neerlandia initiated one candidate and welcomed four new members from Lodges **Dromedaris** and **Theophilus** which had to close. The strong point of the lodge is that it has a lot of senior and experienced brethren,

such as the PGM, DPGM, APMG and PG Secretary. Unfortunately, this also poses a problem as these brethren are not available to the lodge when there is an installation of its lodge or another Eastern Division lodge. It does, however, put the lodge in a position to initiate and mentor a substantial number of new candidates, when the social media campaign starts showing positive results.

Lodge Meerensee was the fastest-growing lodge in the Division and had the stability of very experienced Brethren to ensure that the new members would be properly mentored and retained for the lodge and the Division. Unfortunately, the lodge also experienced some friction between senior members of the lodge and is currently attempting to restore the peace, love and harmony that can see the lodge grow well again in future. WB Marais Viljoen who is also very active in the English Constitution, has been installed as Presiding Master for another year and he has the attributes to overcome the current challenges in the lodge. Younger brethren are coming through to take office in the lodge, but it will still require a serious effort to ensure that membership does not decline any further.

Commissioned Officers.

The Eastern Division has continuity regarding Commissioned Officers, with Wor Bro Ike Ezeudji remaining as DPGM and Wor Bro Henry Selzer as APMG. My thanks to them for supporting and assisting me through the past Masonic year.

Provincial Grand Officers.

As a large percentage of members who resigned over the past 2 years were senior brethren, we are experiencing a serious shortage of PG officers.

Apart from the Commissioned Officers, I only have 7 PG officers available to me. Three of them are primarily English Masons, which creates a challenge not only when they must give preference to the English Constitution meetings, but also prevents them from being promoted to a rank in the PGL Eastern Division that is higher than their rank in the English District.

This problem can only be overcome by returning senior brethren who resigned, or over time as keen and able younger brethren progress through the ranks. It was very heartening for me recently to have a newly raised Master Mason come up to me after an installation to enquire about how he could go about becoming a PG officer. This is the attitude we need in our division.

Sister Divisions.

Testament to the resurgence and new energy in the Grand Lodge is the fact that I went from Rookie PGM to senior PGM in the last 2 years. There has always been a very tight comradery amongst PGMs, but the young group of PGMs we have currently have a special bond as we are all from the same Grand Lodge era and experience level.

A special thanks to my fellow PGMs who are always available for advice or just a brotherly chat and some good humour.

Sister Constitutions.

We are lucky to have very strong relationships between the Sister Constitutions in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN).

The quarterly Inter Constitutional Chains meetings still serve the very important purpose of coordinating Masonic activities in the province. The Masonic "What's on" WhatsApp group and combined KZN Masonic calendar make life a lot easier and mostly prevent duplication of meeting dates across the different Constitutions in KZN.

Benevolence.

The Division continues to assist **The Elders' Voice** organisation for destitute elderly people. This organisation was the recipient of over 100 kg of biscuits distributed as part of the Grand Master's initiative towards the end of 2023.

They also received chocolates to the value of R7500 donated by a company named Diplomat. A bar of chocolate may seem like an everyday snack to us, but to most of the old people, it is a highlight of their month or even year.

KZN Care Association was the charity chosen to receive 100 teddy bears for their dementia patients as part of the Grand Lodge Dementia Association project. We received good exposure for the Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in general when an article on this project was published in the Berea Mail.

Finances.

The Eastern Division’s finances are stable and sufficient for our level of needs.

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.

It is a major concern that the Royal Arch is not

functional at all in KZN, and the AASR has started meetings again but is also not active enough. This is mainly because the Craft has low numbers which results in a much lower potential for new members coming through.

In Conclusion.

The Eastern Division is not where it should be in terms of membership and we have experienced serious challenges regarding commitment and meeting attendance, but there are still enough brethren with the will and drive to turn this situation around. We just need proper coordination of our efforts and more commitment to make it work. We owe it to the young initiates that we brought into the Craft recently, to not only give them a future on the GLSA but also a quality experience.

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**RW Bro Johan van der Merwe
Provincial Grand Master Eastern Division**



Eastern Division Annual General meeting.

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

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Johan van der Merwe
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Ikechukwu Ezeuduji
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Henry Selzer
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Matthew McKelvey

Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Rudi Swart
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	Bruce Lamprecht
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Marais Viljoen
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Schalk Jacobs
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Schalk Jacobs
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Bruce Lamprecht
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Rudi Swart
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Robert Verheijen
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Graham Jordan
Provincial Grand Director of Music	Bro	Brenlee Hippolyte
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Siyabonga Mkhize

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling as at December 2024.

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Neerlandia	31	1922	Rosburgh, Durban	3rd	Tue	June	Sat
Meerensee	118	1975	Empangeni	3rd	Thu	April	Sat
First United	140	2008	Rosburgh, Durban	1st	Thu	October	Sat

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Meerensee	meerensee@grandlodge.co.za
First United	firstunited@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Neerlandia	Wor Bro R Swart	Wor Bro SJ Jacobs
Meerensee	Wor Bro JM Viljoen	Bro CP Davel
First United	Wor Bro C Engelbrecht	Wor Br H Selzer



Lodge Neerlandia.

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- Our PGM's mother-in-law, 85 years of age, is a dementia patient in a Home in Oudtshoorn. She is still holding on to the teddy bear we gave to her as part of the Grand Master's Dementia Project. She is here with her daughter, the wife of our PGM – Jackie van der Merwe



The Worshipful Master of Lodge Neerlandia, Wor Bro Rudi Swart, handing over biscuits to St Martin's Diocesan Home for Children, and The Elder's Voice Home.

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Eastern Cape Division / Ooskaap Afdeling.

2022/2024

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Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master. Eastern Cape Division. 2024/2024.

Reflecting on my term as Provincial Grand Master, I am reminded of both the profound successes and challenges that have marked this journey. From celebratory gatherings to trials that tested our resilience, this year has been transformative for the Eastern Cape Division. Celebrations and Community Impact

Our Annual Installation last year was a momentous occasion, drawing close to 100 brethren into a packed temple. The mixed banquet that followed was equally memorable, offering a joyful evening of fellowship. This past year, our PGL and dedicated brethren supported numerous initiatives, notably the establishment of a playpark for a community in Ferguson Township, reflecting our ongoing commitment to upliftment.

Lodge Jeffrey's Bay took an active role in the Grand Master's challenge to bake or collect cookies for those in need, accumulating 40 kilograms of cookies. Witnessing the joy on the faces of recipients was a true testament to the power of giving. Following this, we led a clothing drive that collected over 30 bags of second-hand clothing, which were distributed to a disadvantaged community on the outskirts of Port Elizabeth. My gratitude goes to Brothers Siviwe Blauw, Bavi Naidoo, and Eric Dyer, whose concerted efforts made this success possible.

Leadership Transitions and Challenges.

term, our newly appointed Assistant PGM resigned due to new business responsibilities. Our Second Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Brother Daniel Stander, has also relocated, emigrating to the United Kingdom but graciously retaining his membership with GLSA.

Additionally, I was entrusted with the unfortunate responsibility of investigating a member of our Division—a task that reminded me of the accountability we uphold within Freemasonry.

Lodge Activities and Attendance .

All craft lodges, with the exception of Lodge Jeffrey's Bay, successfully conducted their installations. The presiding masters continue to unify their brethren, diligently preserving our traditions and values.

However, inter-constitutional visits have been less than satisfactory and improving these relationships will be a priority in the coming year. Overall lodge attendance has been stable, though occasional challenges arise as brethren balance work and family obligations.

With Lodge Jeffrey's Bay currently facing difficulties, our EXCO has begun discussions to return its Charter to Grand Lodge. Brethren from Lodge Jeffrey's Bay will soon join Lodge de Vereeniging, which has relocated to Port Elizabeth. The lodge will continue its meeting schedule on Saturdays to accommodate members who find it challenging to travel during the week, particularly in the evenings. Having been a Mason for many years, I am no stranger to lodges facing adversity, sometimes for extended periods. Yet, through selfless dedication, they often find renewal, and the Masonic spirit prevails.

Gratitude and Acknowledgments.

As I reflect on both my personal and Masonic life, I feel an immense sense of gratitude. My friends are my brothers, and my brothers are my friends. The responsibilities of the PGM demand considerable time, impacting both professional and family life. My heartfelt thanks go to my partner, Nicky, for her unwavering support; she graciously encourages me to go to meetings, especially since discovering Series on Netflix.

I extend my gratitude to the Grand Master for his leadership and guidance. While a rigorous taskmaster who expects results, he remains approachable and thoughtful. My thanks also to MW Geoff Edwards, whose

dedication ensures GLSA functions seamlessly, and to Mrs. Mari Topham, for her consistent assistance with payments.

RW Keith Hutton OSM, your counsel and advice has been invaluable, and Worshipful Brother Nowellyn van Vuuren, your efficiency and reliability have been essential to our work. I also extend sincere thanks to the brethren of our sister constitutions for their support and look forward to reciprocating in the coming years.

Lastly, a special acknowledgment to VW Bro Marius Terblanche, whose contributions to Freemasonry in Port Elizabeth are immeasurable. Brother Marius, your

dedication, and character make you a true legend and an unwavering pillar within our community. JY IS 'N YSTER!

BB, I mentioned my lows and highs of the past year and I am in the enviable position to have been at my son, Joshua's Initiation last week Monday night. It was one of my proudest moments in life and a wonderful way to end off my first year as PGM.

Brethren, this concludes my report. I look forward to an afternoon and evening filled with harmony and brotherly love.

**RW Bro Ricardo Gillmer.
Provincial Grand Master Eastern Cape Division.**

**Eastern Cape Division / Ooskaap Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers.
2024 / 2025.**

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Ricardo Gillmer
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Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Dennis Nienaber
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Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Hein Buys
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Siviwe Blauw
Provincial Grand Secretary	VW Bro	Marius Terblanche
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Ricardo Gillmer
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Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Vittori o Tabanelli
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Kevin Kirwin
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Marius Beyleveld
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Johannes Greeff
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	Mark Hiles



Eastern Cape Division Annual General Meeting.



Lodge de Vereeniging.



Lodge Jeffrey's Bay.

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Sonheuwel. No 143	<u>sonheuwel@grandlodge.co.za</u>	
Jeffreys Bay. No 145	<u>jeffreysbay@grandlodge.co.za</u>	
	Master	Secretary
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Royal Protea. No 55	Wor Bro VA Tabanelli	Wor Bro MR Hiles
Tolerance. No 142	RW Bro KJ Hutton OSM	Bro ED Dyer
Sonheuwel. No 143	Wor Bro H Buys	Wor Bro DA Nienaber
Jeffreys Bay. No 145	Vacant	Bro JJC Lidderd

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootlosie van Suid Afrika.

Territory of Namibia.

Lodge Makalani No 114 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. Grootfontein.

**Worshipful Master:
Secretary:**

**RW Bro CF Montgomery.
Wor Bro A Botes.**

LOSIE MAKALANI.

By RW Bro Rex Ingle OSM and Wor Bro Gordon McGregor (Namibia).

The first time Freemasons met in Grootfontein was with the aim of establishing a Lodge. The meeting took place at the Meteor Hotel on 14 March 1971 with 14 Brethren in attendance. Two years passed before the idea once again gained momentum. On 26 May 1973, a meeting was held where twenty-six Brethren were present.

Two Brothers, E. Pote and J. Louw, from Lodge Benguela of the Scottish Constitution, came up specially from Windhoek for this meeting. They addressed the meeting and explained the implications and requirements for the establishment of a new Lodge under the Scottish Constitution. The period mentioned for the founding of a Lodge was very long.

As most of the potential members had closer ties with South Africa than with Scotland, England or Ireland and, as it had already been decided that the medium of communication of the new Lodge would be Afrikaans, the English and Irish Constitutions were not considered. The length of time to obtain a Charter from the Scottish Constitution ruled them out as well.

On 4 June 1973, a name, a coat of arms as well as the colour and shape of the apron, were decided upon. It was also decided that the members would apply to the Grand Lodge of South Africa for a Charter due to its shorter time period to obtain a Charter.

The other Constitutions gave their full co-operation and, in particular, the English Constitution, contributed much to the

establishment of the Lodge. It can be assumed that without their help there would probably never have been a Losie Makalani No. 114 GLSA.

On 12 June 1973, a temporary Charter was received from the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa and the arrangements for a Temple commenced with individuals contributing very generously. Bro. Hans Wilhelm made land available on his smallholding, about 15 kilometres outside Grootfontein on the Rundu road. His wife donated 4,000 bricks. Wor. Bro. Helmuth Kirchner and his wife Kotie designed the Makalani Jewel.

As a sign of Brotherly affection, the D.G.M. of the English Constitution in South-West Africa, RW. Bro. Glen Smith manufactured the chairs including ones for the Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Nico Neethling was in charge of the building operations.

Finally, on 3 November 1973, in a building without a ceiling or floor covering, Losie Makalani was consecrated by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa, MW Bro. Sidney Gasson. The Installation of the Lodge Officers was performed by the Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division, RW Bro. Morris Levin and his Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

The Charter Master was Wor Bro L. L. Holmes with 36 Founder members to support him. 10 of the 17 office bearers were members of the Namutoni Lodge, English Constitution, at

Tsumeb.

Since the Temple was located some distance outside Grootfontein and the political conditions in the country did not make it very safe, in 1978 the Brethren decided that permanent accommodation in the town should be looked at.

During this difficult time, the Tyler was armed with a firearm and not just a sword.

Fundraising was started, with the women of the Lodge contributing a lot with their 'Kekkel Klub' (Gaggle Club). In 1982, after 10 years on the small holding the Brethren purchased a house in Grootfontein within the town.

After renovations and changes, the new Masonic Temple was consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, RW Bro le Roux Hancke on 2 July 1983. It has served as their Temple ever since.

Note: The Grand Lodge of Southern Africa changed to the Grand Lodge of South Africa in 1981.

From the start, Losie Makalani rode on the crest of the wave and in 1981 the first local member

of the Lodge, Wor Bro. André Muller, was installed as Presiding Master.

Truly a success story when one considers that Losie Makalani was able to build two Temples within ten years and that the last one is fully paid for.

Losie Makalani is the only South African Constitution Lodge in Namibia. The Lodge enjoys a special status within the Grand Lodge of South Africa and is very well supported by the South African Brethren every year when the Installation of its Master occurs.

The Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday 19 August 2023. MW Bro Godfrey Place and his Grand Lodge team performed the Rededication ceremony and then RW Bro Alf Brönnner and his team performed the Installation ceremony. The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Tommy Hardiman, had conducted a "What is Freemasonry?" working for invited guests earlier in the day.

The evening's banquet was also a great success, and Lodge Makalani took the opportunity to get the Grand Master to hand over a donation of N\$20 000 to the Karl Albrecht Village for the Aged.



MW Bro Godfrey Place, RW Bro Monty Montgomery, Grand Lodge Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and Members of Lodge Makalani.



The Grand Master's biscuit challenge.

Wor Bro Andrew Coetzee and Bro Jean Botes , handing over the consignment of koekies, with plates and mugs to the Grootfontein Lions Club President Mrs L Montgomery and lion member Lion Johan Van Heerden.



Losie Makalani.

RECONSECRATION OF LODGE SPRINGBOK No 87 AS VIRTUAL LODGE.

By RW Bro Rex Ingle OSM.

Lodge Springbok was re-established primarily to provide a home for Brethren of the GLSA who, for various reasons, find themselves outside South Africa but wish to maintain an active relationship with the GLSA and their fellow Brethren. This allows them to enjoy the benefits of GLSA membership, essentially paying dues and receiving value from the association.

To ensure value for money while respecting the Ancient Landmarks of Regular Freemasonry, Lodge Springbok functions as a Lodge of Research. This excludes the practice of rituals and workings typical of a Tiled Lodge.

Its scope of research extends beyond academic study, embracing open thinking, perception-based analyses, and introspective works. The lodge's primary goal is to foster a shared environment for exploring and expanding Masonic thought.

VW Bro T Bosman

Lodge Springbok had the distinction of being the last lodge to receive a number under the Grand East of the Netherlands banner within South Africa on the 1st January 1960, that of number 228 NC. Its number on the roll of the newly formed Grand Lodge of South Africa in May 1961 was 87 GLSA.

On 4th December 2007, the lodge closed their doors due to a drastic decline in membership. On 7th December, 17 years later, almost to the day, the lodge was happily reconsecrated. This was done virtually as an on-line lodge for Brethren from all across the globe to log in over the internet. The Worshipful Master for the newly reformed lodge is Wor Bro Tony Bosman who is situated in Portugal.

For now, let us return to its beginnings. The Petition to establish the lodge was dated 24th October 1959 and the lodge was consecrated on Saturday 2nd April 1960 in the Masonic Temple situated at 80 Plein Street, Johannesburg, by RW Bro Eddie Conradie, the Provincial Grand Master of the Transvaal Division.

The Charter Master was Wor Bro LE Jackson from Lodge Golden City (no 205 NC now no 75 GLSA). There were 23 other Foundation members who came from the Netherlandic, the English as well as the Scottish Constitutions.

Extracts from the Valedictory Report 1960/61 of the first Worshipful Master of Lodge Springbok makes interesting reading and gives context to the formation of the lodge.

The winds of change had indeed blown down the African Continent, Russia had sent the first satellite to the Planet Venus, South Africa had withdrawn from the Commonwealth and set up a Republic, the Union had changed its monetary system from sterling to decimal coinage, South Africa had experienced for the very first time attempt at assassination, and in the Masonic world the Brethren of the Netherlandic Constitution had formed the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa which is in the process of being consecrated.

When Springbok Lodge was in the process of formation, I personally approached a Senior Provincial Grand Lodge Officer as to the proposed name of "Springbok" for the new lodge. His reply was "Lou, you are sticking out your necks wanting a name like that for a Lodge, you not only have to fulfil the Masonic duties, but you will have to live up to the traditions of the sportsmen of this Country who have all excelled themselves as 'Springbokke'".

A challenge had been given, and like our famous sportsmen we accepted the challenge, and we consecrated a lodge under the name that was, in the space of twelve short months, to rise to such heights that surpassed even the wildest dreams of the Founders.

I am deeply conscious of the honour that I was the first and last Master of Springbok Lodge working under the Grand East of the Netherlands, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of this Lodge, who have demonstrated their confidence in me by electing me not only for a second term of office but by

giving me the honour of now being the first Master working under the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa.

So, Brethren, as the sands of time run out on this our first year, I lay down my gavel under the old rule and soon I will be taking it up under the new regime, the ship moves on, the old order changes, but for Springbok Lodge the Light of Freemasonry is in the East, our efforts are undiminished and unimpaired.

Although Wor Bro Jackson was installed in April for a second term, it was not to be. Sadly, he passed away two weeks later, and the Deputy Master Wor Bro IJ Cohen completed the year as Acting Worshipful Master.

As with the banner, the lodge's apron bears the GLSA lodge number, so what their apron looked like for their first year under the Grand East of the Netherlands is not known. Their colour however did not change as the Petition for a Warrant states that their distinguishing colours were to be Dark Green and Gold. Their apron under the Grand Lodge of South Africa displayed a badge showing their name, number, and the head of a Springbok on the main part of the apron. The apron had a rounded flap of dark green which was edged with gold braiding and a dark gold fringe. The ribbon edging the main part of the apron was also dark green.

The lodge met at the Plein Street Temple for their first year moving to Freemasons Hall in Park Lane in April 1961. Twenty years on, it was unanimously approved to move their meeting place to the then new Orange Grove Masonic Complex.

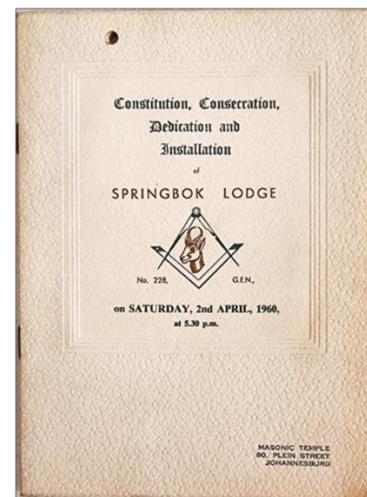
Springbok Lodge took their responsibilities to heart. In September 1965, after an appeal had gone out for contributions to the Masonic Temple Appeal, their contribution stood at

1550. This Masonic Temple Appeal was raising funds to build a Temple on land adjacent to the present Park Lane Temple in Johannesburg which is owned by the English Constitution.

To put that amount in context, the lodge's annual dues to Province for 34 members was R85. There was a quota amount for each lodge to contribute and should they achieve it, they would be awarded a Builders Jewel to attach to the AJ Haak collarette worn by the IPM's. This was something that Springbok Lodge did achieve, in fact they were the first lodge to achieve this target, and even doubled it.

Forty years on, with declining membership, Lodge Springbok began having joint meetings with Lodge Alpha who also met at the Orange Grove Masonic Complex. After struggling for three years to remain open, the decision was taken to hand in their Charter. A letter to the Provincial Grand Lodge Northern Division gives the details of their final joint meeting to be held on 4 December 2007. The Charter of Lodge Springbok was returned to Grand Lodge and the remaining members officially joined Lodge Alpha.

Lodge Springbok - Consecration pamphlet 2nd April 1960



THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH AFRICA



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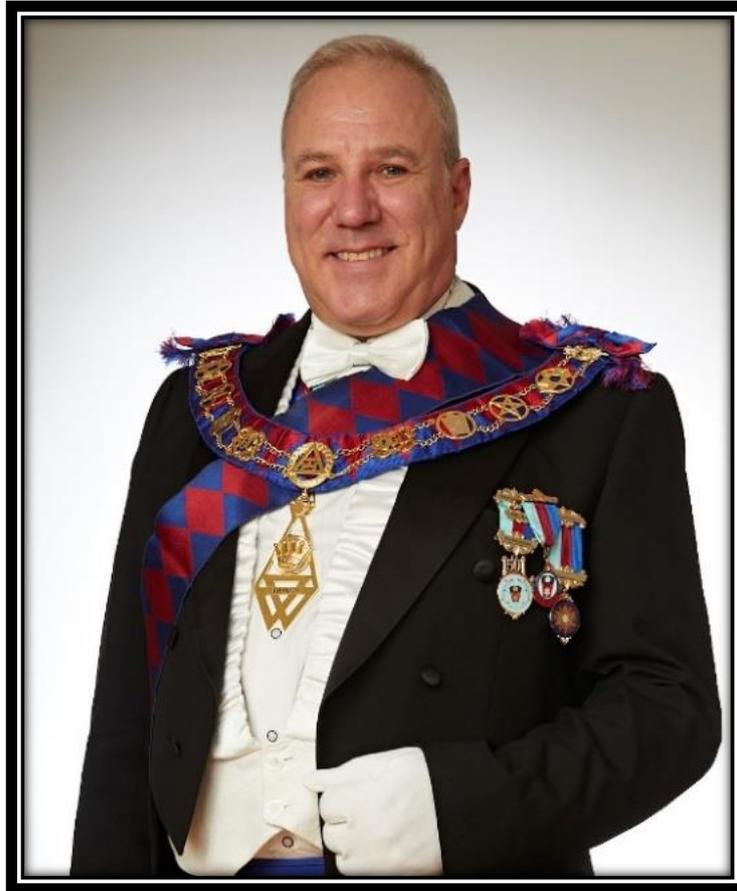
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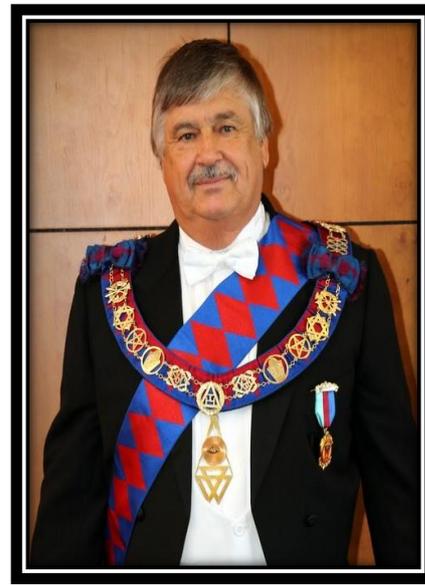
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**Annual Report of the First Grand Principal
of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa.**

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

28 September 2024

At /te De Goede Hoop Temple, Cape Town



Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent Past First Grand Principals, Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions, it is my honour and privilege to deliver this, my third and final annual report as the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa.

We are blessed to have the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place and certain Past First Grand Principals, being MEC Geoffrey Edwards OSM and MEC Johan Britz MSA in attendance today. I further wish to acknowledge the Past First Grand Principals who are not able to attend this annual convocation and I again express my sincere thanks to them for their

continued support, advice and encouragement, namely MEC Petrus Naude MSA, MEC Alfred Rhodie, MEC Neville Klein OSM and MEC David Duncan OSM. All these senior Companions, directly and indirectly, continue to contribute to the continued growth, progress and stability of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Companions all, I welcome you to this Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter. For those of you who were able to do so, I trust that you enjoyed the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division this morning and that you will enjoy the installation of the new First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, later this afternoon. I thank you most sincerely for your attendance and as we will be hosting a formal mixed banquet in the De Goede Hoop 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.

During June 2024 I had the honour and privilege to present a fifty year (50) long service jewel and certificate to MEC Petrus (Piet) Naude MSA at the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Northern Division. MEC Piet Naude MSA has served this Supreme Grand Chapter for 50 uninterrupted years in several offices including those of Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division from 1993 to 1998 and as the First Grand Principal from 2000 to 2006. In 2006 he was presented with the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) for his exceptional contribution to this Supreme Grand Chapter. He is still an active member of Chapter Witbank and is an example and an inspiration to us all.

We have continued to hold regular and successful physical and online Grand Committee meetings, 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 all the members of the Grand Committee for all your work and continued dedication and commitment in this regard.

We have again had to bid sad farewells to certain Companions who have passed away during the past year and their names and commitments will be forever remembered by us all.

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.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, is a subscribing member of our Supreme Grand Chapter and several other senior members of our Grand Lodge are also members of this Supreme Grand Chapter. They all know and understand Royal Arch Freemasonry and I have no doubt that their continued support will ensure an even stronger bond between these two Masonic Orders in the future. The Grand Lodge yearbook for 2023 has again prominently featured our Royal Arch Order and I trust that this will continue as the Supreme Grand Chapter is an important and integral part of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

I again thank all the Companions for continuing to promote our Supreme Grand Chapter by purchasing and wearing our Royal Arch ties, both navy blue and maroon and the very elegant Supreme Grand Chapter's Golden Jubilee jewel, which may be worn with Royal Arch and Craft Lodge regalia.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTERS, ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS, ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES AND CRYPTIC COUNCILS.

I sincerely thank the Grand Superintendents, MEC Marius Mostert in the Northern Division and MEC Louis van der Linde in the Southern Division and their Provincial Grand Chapter Officers for all their hard work during the past year. During this year our Royal Arch Chapters, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Cryptic Councils have been active and I am pleased with the steady growth in membership and the continued improvement in the ritual work.

The regular photographs in the monthly

publication of the Square & Compass newsletter confirms this active participation and I wish to thank all the Most Excellent Zerubbabels, the Commanders Noah, the Thrice Illustrious Masters and the members of the Chapters, Lodges and Councils for your continued commitment and dedication to the Royal Arch Order. The two Grand Superintendents and their teams have regularly visited the Chapters, Lodges and Councils in their jurisdictions and I have enjoyed reading their positive reports in this regard.

During the past year our Chapters, Lodges and Councils have again admitted, advanced and exalted more than one Companion, Brother and Knight at a single convocation in order to catch up with the backlog as a result of the renewed interest in these Appendant Orders. I thank all the members 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 members who have been installed as the Principals of their Chapters and the senior officers in their Lodges and their Councils and I wish you all well for your terms of office.

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 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 in the Masonic Book of Life, will sufficiently pique your interest and that as more and more Royal Arch members join these two additional Orders they will not only flourish, but our members will reap the benefits of this additional and invaluable Masonic education.

SECRETARIAL AND FINANCE.

I again thank MEC Louis van der Linde and his successor last year, MEC Cobis Wilson, the Grand Scribes Ezra and MEC Dawie van Rooyen, the Grand Treasurer, most sincerely for all your hard work, commitment and

dedication during my term of office as the First Grand Principal and I again commend you for your ever readiness and availability to render assistance and advice to me and to all the Companions who have requested this from you.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE..

I introduced special Awards of Excellence at my installation three years ago and I have presented several of these awards during my term of office to worthy Companions. I will again be presenting such awards at this year's annual convocation, but as they are a surprise and as this report will be circulated to all our members before this event, you will have to attend the annual convocation today to know whether you may be a recipient.

RITUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

I requested the Grand Superintendents to promote ritual excellence in our Chapters, Lodges and Councils and I again thank MEC Johan Britz MSA for determining the scoring thereof. We have followed the model used by the Grand Lodge with regards to awarding lapel pins and jewels for ritual excellence and I am confident that my successor and his team will finalise this program and that the several good ritualists in our Royal Arch Order will soon be receiving their much deserved rewards in this regard.

PROVINCIAL AWARD FOR THE BEST CHAPTER, LODGE OR COUNCIL.

We are blessed to have a large number of dedicated Royal Arch Freemasons who continually try to ensure that their Chapters, Lodges or Councils are not only successful, but are flourishing. I have requested the Grand Superintendents to determine which Chapter, Lodge or Council has performed the best during the last year in their respective Divisions and to reward them accordingly at their annual convocations. 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 for such an award.

AWARD FOR THE BEST SCRIBE EZRA OF THE YEAR.

The office of Scribe Ezra at any level of the organisation is often considered a thankless task. Notwithstanding this, we have several Companions who excel in this position and so we re-introduced the 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 and emulate his example. This appears to have been an inspiration and we have received several recommendations for this award this year.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

During the past year we have maintained our fraternal relationship with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters with whom we are in amity. I again thank MEC Godfrey Place, our Grand Master, for representing our Supreme Grand Chapter at the installation of the new First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Benin, MEC Matthieu Lawson, in Benin during May 2024.

During July 2024 we were invited to attend the installation of RW Bro Hilton Oates, a member of our Royal Arch Chapter Johannes Truter, as the new District Grand Master of the English District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Western Cape. We were honoured to meet and spend some quality time with the Pro – Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, MW Bro John Prizeman, and the senior officers who accompanied him. We gave them a tour of this De Goede Hoop temple and he, in turn, was pleased to receive a copy of the 250 year Heritage Book which I presented to him. I have recently received a note from him that he was finding the history of Freemasonry in South Africa during the past 250 years most interesting and enlightening.

We are also blessed to have MEC Dimitrios Kontesis, a Past First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Greece as well as a delegation from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Benin, in attendance today. To you Most Excellent Companions and Excellent Companions, a special word of

welcome and my sincere thanks to you for your attendance here today.

When we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of this Supreme Grand Chapter during 2019 we were honoured by the presence of the First Grand Principal of our Mother Supreme Grand Chapter, being the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands. We have already received a notice of its 75th or Diamond Anniversary, which will take place during June 2025 and we look forward to supporting them in celebrating this very important and prestigious event.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

We are truly blessed to enjoy a very good, healthy and fraternal relationship with the members of our Sister Constitutions in South Africa. This was again exhibited during the past year with regular visits from members of our Sister Constitutions to our regular convocations. We often invite them to participate in our degree workings, which invitations they always readily accept even though our rituals may be slightly different to what they are used to.

I enjoy visiting our Sister Constitutions and every convocation which I attend further enhances my knowledge of Royal Arch Freemasonry, which has often been referred to as the very root and marrow of Freemasonry.

CONCLUSION.

I thank the True and Living God Most High for preserving my health and strength; for keeping us safe; for watching over our welfare and for guiding me in my thoughts, words and actions during my term of office.

I thank the Grand Master; the Deputy and the Assistant First Grand Principals; the Second and the Third Grand Principals; the Grand Superintendents; the Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, present and past; the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers and all the Companions for your continued commitment, dedication and support during my term of office.

Lastly, I thank my wife, Edelweiss, and my family for your unconditional love and support of my membership of Freemasonry in general and of the Royal Arch Order in particular.

We three do meet and agree in peace, love and unity. Let us remember that in the Royal Arch

Order nothing is accomplished alone and we are never without the help and support of our Companions. The Chapter is ruled by three, three Companions journey to Jerusalem, three Companions assist in the discovery and exploration of the secret vault and three Companions report their findings to the Sanhedrin.

To the First Grand Principal Elect, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, I not only congratulate you again on your election to this exalted office and look forward to installing you as such today, but remember that you will never be alone in your task. I wish you the very best of luck for your term of office and know that I will give you all the assistance which I am able to.

To the new team of Supreme Grand Chapter officers, remember that precept and example must advance at an equal pace and that the Masonic duties which you are required to teach to others, should never be neglected by yourselves.

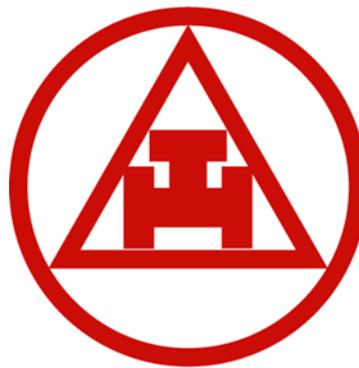
As we continue to build our Supreme Grand Chapter, let us remember the words of John Ruskin who said: *When we build, let us build forever. Let our building not be for a present delight or use alone, but let our building be such work that our descendants will thank us for.*

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.

SMIB

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



SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025	
OPPERSTE GROOTKAPITTEL AMPSDREAERS 2024-2025	
The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester	MW Bro / HE Br Godfrey Place
First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM IA Jacobson MSA /TVD
Deputy First Grand Principal / Adjunk Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM EA Bronner OSM / ODV
Assistant First Grand Principal /Assistent Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	Vacant / Vakant
Second Grand Principal / Tweede Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM MMH Patel
Third Grand Principal / Derde Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM B Masencamp
Third Grand Principal / Derde Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM K Hutton OSM /MSA
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 S Rogovsky
Grand Treasurer / Groot Penningmeester	MEC / SVM B Topham OSM / ODV
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 OSM /ODV
Grand Master of Ceremony / Groot Seremoniemeester	MEC / SVM C Wilson
Grand Master of Ceremony / Groot Seremoniemeester	MEC / SVM D Hudson-Lamb
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 Tweedebesoecker	EC / VM I Muthien
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoecker	EC / VM M Hiles
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoecker	EC / VM M Terblanche
Grand Third Sojourner / Groot Derdebeseoeker	Vacant / Vakant
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 – September 2024**

**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 1973
*	MEC SR Gasson	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	1973 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
	MEC JEH Smith	OSM /ODV	MSA /TVD	2021 to 2024

* 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 GROOTKAPITEL AMPDRAERS										
Past Deputy First Grand Principal / Oud-Adjunk Eerste Grootprinsipale										
*	Brits	PRJM				*	Geisler	RA		
	Cronje	JP	MSA/TVD			*	Wilkens	JJM		
*	Franken	P								
Past Assistant First Grand Principal / Oud Assistent Eerste Groot Prinsipaal										
	Carstens	B					Martin	LA		
Past Second Grand Principal / Oud Tweede Groot Prinsipaal										
	Karstens	GS				*	Sumner	G		
*	Louis	SL					Pembroke	A		
*	Pistorius	FWT					Burke	T		
	Van Rooyen	D					Topham	B	OSM/ODV	

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	
	Wilson	JP							
Past Grand Treasurer / Oud Groot Penningmeester									
	Ingle	R	OSM/ODV						
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				*	Harmse	J	
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 Tweedebesoecker									
	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 GROOTKAPITEL 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	JI				*	Hayward	ER	
*	Crous	RH					Kukuk	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 Seremoniemeester Toegeken									
	Burke	T					Maricich	KA	
	Grant	JA					Mitchell	SI	
	Hutton	K					Topham	B	OSM/ODV
	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 Tweedebesoeker Toegeken									
	Patel	MM H					Terblanche	M	
	Hiles	M					Van Vuuren	N	
Past Grand Third Sojourner Conferred / Oud Groot Derdebesoeker Toegeken									
*	Correira	AM				*	Opperman	D	
	Lotter	M				*	Stevens	AJ	
	Wilson	C							
Past Grand Sword Bearer Conferred / Oud Groot Swaarddraer 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 Vaandelraer Toegeken									
	Botha	TJG V							
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
Estonia		
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	Eendrag Maak 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	C Engelke	LB van der Linde	(082) 787 5718
3	Unie	4 th Sat, Jan	A Bronner OSM	JJ Britz MSA	(071) 682 1608
4	Dromedaris	Recess			
5	Johannes Truter	1st Thu, Sep	D Buckingham	W Schultz	(084) 521 2303
7	Koh-I-Noor	Recess			
8	Fiat Lux	1st Sat, Apr	H Rademeyer	M Terblanche	(082) 728 3201
10	De Broedeband	2nd Sat, Jul	R Ingle OSM	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	J Boussougouth	W Luck	(084) 834 0104
16	De Goede Kaap	3rd Wed, Nov	J Curtis	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	R Uys	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	Recess			

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	Eendrag Maak 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 Gray	(082) 336 9964

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 Dommissie 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 Honorary 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 Rhoodie 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.

During 2022 Chapter Unie was reopened in Parys in the Free State and it is working in Welkom. During 2023 Chapter Jeffreys Bay was consecrated in Jeffreys Bay, Eastern Cape Province. During this year Chapter Fidelity in Johannesburg celebrated its Golden Jubilee and MEC Brian Masencamp retired as the Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. The First Grand Principal appointed and installed MEC Marius Mostert as the

Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. MEC Mahmoud Patel retired as the Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division and the First Grand Principal appointed and installed MEC Louis van der Linde as the Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division. Chapter De Goede Kaap in Cape Town celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

During 2024 the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, represented the Supreme Grand Chapter at the installation of the new Grand Master and First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Benin. MEC Petrus Naude MSA, a member of Chapter Witbank, was awarded his fifty (50) year long service certificate and jewel. MEC John Smith OSM MSA retired as the First Grand Principal and he installed MEC Avron Jacobson MSA as the next First Grand Principal at the annual convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter in the De Goede Hoop temple.



*The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place presented the 250 years of Heritage Book
Freemasonry in South Africa to the Past First Grand Principal of Greece,
MEC Dimitrios Kontesis.*

*Left to Right: MEC Geoff Edwards OSM, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, MEC Dimitrios Kontesis,
MW Bro Godfrey Place, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA.*

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The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, awarded the Past Rank of Grand Master of Ceremony to MEC Andre Germishuys and presented him with his Certificate.



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, awarded an Award of Excellence to Companion Allen Tshabangu and presented his Certificate to him.



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, awarded an Award of Excellence to MEC Stephane Rogovsky and presented his Certificate to him.



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, awarded the Scribe Ezra of the Year Award MEC Martin Grey (The Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division, MEC Marius Moster received the Trophy and Certificate on his behalf).

Installation Ceremony of the First Grand Principal Elect / Bevestigings Seremonie van die Verkose Eerste Groot Prinsipaal.



The Immediate Past First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, Installed the First Grand Principal Elect, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA and presented his Letters Patent to him.



The Past First Grand Principal, MEC Johan Britz MSA, presented the Supreme Grand Chapter Banner and Sword to the First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, invested the Deputy First Grand Principal, MEC Alf Bronner OSM and presented his Letters Patent to him.



The Past Assistant First Grand Principal, MEC Brian Carstens, invested the Third Grand Principal, MEC Mahmoud Patel and presented his Letters Patent to him.



The Immediate Past Second Grand Principal, MEC Dawie van Rooyen, invested the Third Grand Principal, MEC Brian Masencamp and presented his Letters Patent to him.



The Immediate Past Second Grand Principal, MEC Dawie van Rooyen, invested the Third Grand Principal, MEC Keith Hutton OSM and presented his Letters Patent to him.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, invested the two Grand Superintendents, MEC Louis van der Linde and MEC Marius Mostert and presented their Letters Patent to them.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, introduced his Officers for 2024/2025 to the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, receives a gift from the Past First Grand Principal of the SGRAC of Greece, MEC Dimitrios Kontesis.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, receives a gift from the Director of Ceremony of the SGRAC of Benin, MEC Jean-Yves Faboumy.



The Grand Superintendent Northern Division, MEC Marius Mostert, thanks the Immediate Past First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, for his service, dedication and assistance to the Provincial Grand Chapter, Northern Division during his term of office as the First Grand Principal.



The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa with the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, in attendance on 28 September 2024.

Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling.



**Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling
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PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER – SOUTHERN DIVISION.



ANNUAL REPORT / JAARVERSLAG (16/09/2023-28/09/2024).

Dear Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place; the First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA; Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions all. A special word of welcome is extended to all distinguished Craftsmen and Companions who honour us by their presence this morning. During September 2023 I was installed as the Grand Superintendent of this Provincial Grand Chapter and it is my honour and privilege to present this, my first annual report.

On 18 November 2023 the 50-year Rededication ceremony of Chapter De Goede Kaap no16 took place together with its Installation. I had granted dispensation for the meeting to move to the Saturday as time would be too short for all the ceremonies on a week night. Supreme Grand Chapter attended to the Rededication Ceremony, which was performed by the First Grand Principal and his Officers. Provincial Grand Chapter (SD) proceeded with the Installation of the MEZ, EC Alex Costopoulos; EH, Companion Jonathan Curtis and EJ, Companion Bradley Bordiss

The Installation of Chapter Mutual was held on 28 November 2023 and EC S Rogovsky was installed as the MEZ. Companion A van Dijk as EH and Companion C Engelke as EJ. The Provincial Grand Chapter Officers all performed well in their new appointments. During the Installation Ceremony, the First Grand Principal again attended to the Boards of Installed Mark Master Mason and Installed Worshipful and Excellent Master.

On 30 November 2023 I was installed as the Commander Noah of the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge by the First Grand Principal and Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter. On this occasion he also symbolically installed several senior members of the Sister Constitutions which then enabled them to attend the whole installation ceremony.

The 2023 year ended with 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 both Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter were represented.

On 6 April 2024 a joint installation was held with Chapter Fiat Lux no.8 and Chapter Jeffreys Bay no. 28 in Port Alfred and EC Hendrik Rademeyer was installed as the MEZ, while MEC Hutton OSM was installed as EH and EC R Gilmer as EJ of Chapter Fiat Lux. EC Dirk Uys was installed as the MEZ, while MEC Hutton OSM was installed as EH and EC A Venter as the EJ of Chapter Jeffreys Bay.

On 01 June 2024 I attended the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter

Northern Division in Orange Grove and, as always, we were warmly received and enjoyed the celebrations with our Companions from up country. 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 have left me with many pleasant memories. A huge thank you to all involved in the arrangements of the different events and I am looking forward to visiting you again soon.

I particularly wish to mention that on 17 July 2024 the Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge (SD), RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, was admitted as a Mark Master Mason in Chapter De Goede Kaap.

The continued visiting of members between Chapters De Goede Kaap and Mutual has ensured that both Chapters can have been able to perform their workings with enough members present to ensure that the candidates receive a meaningful experience.

Both the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and the Belville Cryptic Council are active and have attracted 5 and 8 new members respectively. It gives me great pleasure to report that our Past Grand Master and Past FGP Conferred, MW Bro and MEC Geoff Edwards OSM, has joined both the De Goede Kaap RAM and the Belville Cryptic Council and we wish him a long and happy sojourn in these Orders.

Chapter Mutual has adopted an advancement criteria which similar to that being practiced in the Grand Lodge of South Africa. Mark Master Masons and Excellent Master Masons must attend at least two workings of their own degree at their own Chapter and must have visited at least twice at other Chapters of our own Constitution or those of our Sister Constitutions. Further they are required to learn some parts of the Ritual given to them and participate in these workings. Before advancing to the next degree, candidates must submit an essay on their understanding of the degree. With this approach the Chapter is confident that their members will have a good understanding of the various degrees and our Order and will remain faithful members thereof.

Chapter Jeffreys Bay was consecrated during April 2023 with 10 petitioners and rapidly grew

to 18 members within a year. Unfortunately, the expulsion of EC James Lidderd Snr from the Order has resulted in various resignations. As he was the main driving force in the Chapter, activities have drastically slowed down. To make matters worse the MEZ, EC Dirk Uys suffered ill health and subsequently was called to the Grand Chapter above. We are discussing plans to relocate the Chapter to the Masonic temple in Humansdorp as the members have been locked out of the temple in Jeffreys Bay. I am hoping that with the appointment of MEC Keith Hutton OSM as a Third Grand Principal by the new First Grand Principal and my appointing EC Nowellyn van Vuuren as my Assistant Grand Superintendent in the Eastern Cape, they will take charge of matters in there and the Chapter will soon get back on track.

Chapter Fiat Lux has taken the decision to relocate from the Port Alfred temple to the new Masonic temple of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Cape Division in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) as most of their members are from there. I must thank EC Marius Terblanche, the Scribe E of this Chapter, for always taking good care of this Chapter.

I appointed EC Stephane Rogovsky as our Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra in 2023 and I would be remiss not to thank him most sincerely for his dedication to this Provincial Grand Chapter. Today, soon to be MEC Stephane Rogovsky will start his new Sojourn as the Grand Scribe Ezra, and I can assure him of our support in his new position. As a result, EC Stephane Rogovsky has agreed to remain as the Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra until such time as I can obligate and invest Companion Avron Lukas as the Provincial Grand Scribe E, being a member of special Talent. This will done be as soon as he is installed as the Excellent Joshua of Chapter De Goede Kaap in November 2023.

Administration.

Our administration is sound, and we are able to respond to the invitations from Sister Constitutions and requests for dispensations much quicker now. With the use of the G-Suite for the Grand Superintendent and Provincial Grand Scribe E, our record keeping has improved and future generations will be able to find all agendas, minutes, correspondence and relevant information on Google Docs. We are

also able to communicate with all our members via WhatsApp in our PGC SD Community and share vital information, reminders of events etc there.

Finances.

My sincere thanks to MEC Dawie van Rooyen for his excellent management of our finances. MEC Van Rooyen has agreed to assist in this position for one more year, but I will need to find a Companion to take over from him soon and for this reason I have appointed EC Anthony van Dijk as the assistant Provincial Grand Treasurer, being a person of Special Talent. Our finances are on a sound basis and this Division has paid all its dues.

Ritual Excellence.

The roll out of the Supreme Grand Chapter Ritual Excellence Program was delayed and will be implemented in the next Masonic year. This has not deterred some members from committing charges to memory. EC Stephane Rogovsky has committed the charges of the Wor. Mark Master in the Mark Master Mason degree and those of the Wor & Ex Master in the Excellent Master degree to memory and never had a ritual book in front of him during these ceremonies. In addition to that, he recites the Lecture in the Mark Master Mason degree faultlessly.

Companion Kelvin Irvine, who was recently advanced to Excellent Master has shown that he will be a contender for a Ritualist pin and has performed the charges of Junior Overseer in the Mark Master Mason degree with great enthusiasm and commitment.

MEC Cobis Wilson has become the roving Conductor in this Division and assists most Chapters in this position and does so from memory. As the Acting Provincial Grand Second Principal, he has done all the charges assigned to him in this regard from memory.

EC Malcolm Gessler was appointed as Provincial Grand Third Principal at the previous Annual Convocation and had less than 14 days to learn all the charges assigned to him in that role before participating in his first installation.

I challenged some of my PGC Officers to learn the address to the Companions of the

Installation Ritual and both EC Steven Botha and EC Stephan Rogovsky delivered perfect charges in this regard.

Chapters Overview.

As at September 2024 this Provincial Grand Chapter has 136 members, comprising the following: Royal Arch members: 103, Royal Ark Mariner members: 15, Cryptic Council members: 18.

Chapter Mutual No.1 - Full: 20, MSA: 1, Hon: 1 Total 22

Chapter Johannes Truter No.5 - Full: 13, Hon: 20 Total 33

Chapter Fiat Lux No.8 - Full: 13, Hon: 0 Total 13

Chapter De Goede Kaap No.16 - Full: 21, MSA: 1, Hon: 0 Total 22

Chapter Jeffreys Bay No 28 - Full: 7, Hon: 4 Total 13

De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.16 - Full: 11, MSA 2, Hon: 2 Total 15

Belleville Cryptic Council No.2 - Full: 10, MSA 2, Hon: 2 Total 18

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. I attended the annual spit-braai of the District Mark Master Masons of the English Constitution in November 2023 and will do so again this year. I was able to attend the installation of the British Chapter and Chapter Sharman Crawford but could unfortunately not attend the installation of Chapter Southern Cross. Whenever we were invited to an installation, we sent a Representative to attend and I thank EC Stephane Rogovsky who represented me on several occasions. We also attended the installation of RW Bro Hiton Oates as the District Grand Master of the District Mark Masons of the English Constitution and I accompanied the First Grand Principal and several other members of the Supreme Grand Chapter to this event. We shall endeavour to continue our felicitous fraternal bonds and visit our sister constitutions more in the future.

Conclusion.

My sincerest appreciation and thanks to our First Grand Principal, MEC John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA for his dedication during his term of office to the Supreme Grand Chapter, the Provincial Grand Chapter and to the Chapters. He is always ready to assist with anything and everything. Thank you for all the advice, support and trust which you have given me.

To the First Grand Principal Elect, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, I wish you a successful term in office and I can assure you of the cooperation and support of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division.

To all the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers, a special thank you. A special thanks to MEC Keith Hutton OSM, EC Mark Hiles and EC Marius Terblanche for serving on the Provincial

Grand Chapter team for so many years and I congratulate you on your appointments in Supreme Grand Chapter and may your sojourn there be fruitful.

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

Finally, I wish a safe journey to all of you who will be traveling back home after the celebrations this weekend.

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**MEC Louis van der Linde.
Grand Superintendent (SD)**

Officers Southern Division 2024-2025 / Ampsdraers Suidelike Afdeling 2024-2025.

Office Name	Officer	Amps Naam
Grand Superintendent	Louis van der Linde	Groot Superintendent
Deputy Grand Superintendent	Vacant / Vakant	Adj. Groot Superintendent
Asst. Grand Superintendent	Nowellyn van Vuuren	Asst. Groot Superintendent
Second Principal	*(Cobis Wilson)	Tweede Prinsipaal
Third Principal	Malcolm Gessler	Derde Prinsipaal
Scribe Ezra	*(Stephane Rogovsky)	Skriba Ezra
Asst. Scribe Ezra	*(EC Cyril Engelke)	Asst. Skriba Ezra
Scribe Nehemiah	Hendrik Rademeyer	Skriba Nehemia
Treasurer	*(Dawie van Rooyen)	Tesourier
Asst. Treasurer	*(Anthony van Dijk)	Asst. Tesourier
Master of Ceremonies	Hilton Oates	Seremoniemeester
Master of Ceremonies	Frank Begot	Seremoniemeester
Principal Sojourner	Steven Botha	Hoof Besoeker
Second Sojourner	Winston Shultz	Tweede Besoeker
Almoner	*(Andre Germishuys)	Aalmoesener
Standard Bearer	Jonathan Curtis	Vaandel Draer

***Acting**



The Grand Superintendent Southern Division, MEC Louis van der Linde, obligated and invested EC Nowellyn van Vuuren as Assistant Grand Superintendent during the Provincial Grand Chapter, Southern Division Annual Convocation on 28 September 2024.



*The Grand Superintendent Southern Division, MEC Louis van der Linde, awarded the Chapter of the Year award to Chapter Mutual and presented the Certificate to the MEZ, MEC Stephane Rogovsky.
28 September 2024*



*The Grand Superintendent Southern Division, MEC Louis van der Linde, thanked the First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA for his service, dedication and assistance to the Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Division during his term of office as the First Grand Principal.
28 September 2024*

Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling.



MEC / SVM Marius Mostert

**Grand Superintendent /
Groot Superintendent
Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling
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**PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH
CHAPTER – NORTHERN DIVISION.**

ANNUAL REPORT 2024.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipfull Brother Godfrey Stuart Place, Most Excellent Companion John Ewald Henry Smith OSM MSA (The First Grand Principle), Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and Companions all, I present my annual report ending 1 June 2024.

First of all, I would like to thank all for the support and assistance given to me as the Grand Superintendent, without this team's vision, mission and drive I would have been at a loss. The rocky rugged road that we commenced together at the beginning of 2023 has now become a gravel road and it is time to tar that road.

Obituaries.

Let us have a moment of silence to remember those that have passed, and also for the companions loved ones who have passed from this material world.

The following companions was called to join the Chapter beyond human hands:

EC Emile Van As – Chapter Horeb
MEC Bill King – Chapter Orange

Membership.

We have at present 230 companions in the Northern Division comprising the following: Royal Arch members: 137, Royal Ark Mariner members: 30, Cryptic Council members: 44. There is no proper record on how many members we were in June 2023 as the database was not kept up to date.

Chapters Overview.

Chapter Unie No. 3 – Full: 11, Total: 14.
Installation held 20 January 2024.

Chapter Orange No. 12 – Full: 16,
Total: 16. Installation postponed till 2025.

Chapter Horeb No. 13 – Full: 19,
Total: 20. Installation Postponed till 2024.

Chapter Witbank No. 14 – Full: 3,
Total: 3. Installation Postponed till 2024.

Chapter Fidelity No. 15 – Full: 23,
Total: 23. Installation held 26 August 2023.

Chapter Brixton No. 23 – Full: 17,
Total: 21. Installation held 4 October 2023.

Chapter Acacia No. 24 – Full: 23,
Total: 23. Installation held 21 August 2023.

Chapter Golden Thistle No. 25 – Full: 9,
Total: 9. Installation held 21 August 2023.

Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Council No. 6
– Full: 13 Total: 13. Installation postponed till 2025.

Brixton Cryptic Council No. 23 – Full: 16
Total: 16. Installation held 7 February 2024.

Acacia Cryptic Council No. 24 – Full: 15
Total: 15. Installation held 7 February 2024.

Brixton Ram No. 23 – Full: 17 Total: 17.
Installation held 1 November 2023.

Acacia Ram No. 24 – Full: 13 Total: 13.
Installation held 1 November 2023.

The new “Unie Royal Chapter No 3” is growing quite well and is gaining members. I want to thank MEC Alf Bronner, MEC Johan Britz and MEC Brian Masencamp for their help in growing this chapter.

I have on many occasions tried to retrieve the Charter for Chapter ‘Sam Greemen’, the idea was to make this chapter the roaming chapter for instruction and installations. All the provincial office bearers were to be in the chapter. I was hoping to make it an elite chapter. I never could retrieve the charter, and I go ahead with this vision.

I thank EC Xavier Greyling, Provincial Scribe Ezra, in handling the records and keeping the communication flowing.

I personally want to thank EC Dino Kyriazis, my deputy, for his hard work and efforts. To the rest of the team who partake in the installations – I thank you all for the exemplary manner in which the installations are done and thank you for those who jump in at the last minute to cover positions where required. Words cannot convey the appreciation and feelings I have for the team.

Finance.

The Northern Division's finances are running within the framework from the

previous problems that existed since 2023. We have managed to come back on track. Our mission was this year to reduce all costs for the Northern Division so to get the financial situation up to date and I can gladly mention that there were no excessive expense used this year and that helped the Northern Division a lot.

All our accounts are compiled by ME Companion Brandon Topham, a chartered accountant, and I thank him for this service. The financial statement is available for perusal at the Scribe "E's" desk and are attached to the end of this report.

General.

This being my second official convocation as Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division I just want to make a closing statement of my journey and enlightenment this far.

If you can recall in my statement last year I had mentioned: "You make it happen, you are the corner stone in society and you show others what is right and what is wrong through your actions" further on I also said "But being a True and Upright Mason we can show others the light and be the five points of fellowship" and finally "Remember everything, no matter how small has a specific meaning. The Royal Arch is the ultimate climax of all".

Some companions listened and some say "I have heard it all before." For those who listened and understood, I ask the question – Have you dug deeper? Have you gone further? For the others I say, Sorry, you are lost and do not have a compass or GPS. Your GPS keeps on saying "Recalculating", so I say, recalculate and get back on track. Remember your oaths and promises. Your promise is your honour. Each and every one of us has a purpose in life; when I wake up in the morning I am grateful for the new day and enter the day with a positive attitude. It is difficult at times as a lot of people are there just to break you down. I try and follow the saying "Morning is Gods way of saying one more time, Go make a difference, Touch a heart,

Encourage a mind, Inspire a soul and enjoy the day."

You joined freemasonry feeling a want – what it is, only you will know and you will feel satisfied once you have found it or achieved it. Unfortunately, some freemasons out there are only "noddy badge" collectors and have no clue as to what it all entails or the deeper meaning, others are the control freaks who want to rule the roost, I am glad to say I have involved my team with the decisions revolving around the running of the division and the emphasis is TEAM. There is no "I" in team.

It is like the story of the man who went to the beach and found a lot of starfish stranded. He proceeded to pick them up one at a time and throw them back into the sea. A passer-by watched and came to the man asking him what he was doing, to which the man replied – "throwing the starfish back into the sea so that they do not die". The passer-by commented – "that is useless, and you will never make a change or impact, there are too many". The man replied after throwing one of the starfish into the sea – "I made a change in that one's life".

Who are you – The man or the passer-by? Do you want to make a change or are you a destroyer of hopes, dreams and ambitions? Do you look for the "Good" in people, or the "Bad?"

I know I made a change in some people's lives. Have you attempted to do the same?

I do not want to bore you further and only want to ask the questions you should ask yourself!

What – am I doing here?

Where – am I going to?

When – will I get there?

Who – can I help, who can help me and who will accompany me?

Why – am I on this journey?

How – well will I complete this journey?

Closing.

I thank each and every Companion in the Northern Division for their dedication and

zeal. Without this team of young and vibrant companions the Northern Division would come to a standstill.

My personal thanks goes to all the Provincial Officers for their dedication and unending loyalty to the Royal Arch, Northern Division.

I pledge my support to the First Grand Principle elect and will endeavour not to disappoint him.

And last but not least, to my wife Angela who understands my love for the Royal Arch and for allowing me to travel all over.

I know I am not the easiest person to get along with, but her support helps me continue and keeps me focused.

I bid you all well and may T.T.A.L.G.M.H keep you steadfast in your endeavours.

MEC Marius Mostert
Grand Superintendent – ND

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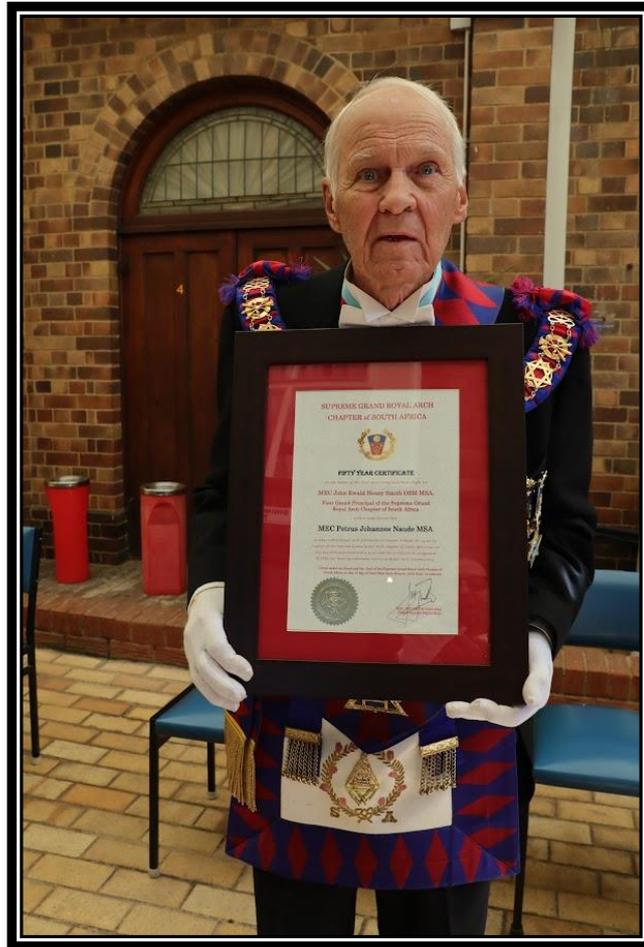
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Asst. Grand Superintendent	Gerald Bosch	Asst. Groot Superintendent
PG Second Principal	Huntly Macpherson	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
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PG Third Principal	Marianus De Jager	PG Derde Prinsipaal
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PG Master of Ceremonies	Vacant	PG Seremoniemeester
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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.
01 June 2024*



*Past Grand Superintendent, MEC Brian Masencamp and the Grand Superintendent,
MEC Marius Mostert with the New Charter for Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Council.
01 June 2024*



The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA, presented the 50 year Service Award to Royal Arch Freemasonry to the Past First Grand Principal, MEC Petrus (Piet) Naude MSA. 1 June 2024



The Grand Superintendent, MEC Marius Mostert awarded the Scribe Ezra of the year in the Northern Division to MEC Martin Gray and presented him with the Floting Trophy. 01 June 2024

Other Events / Ander Gebeurtenisse.



Acacia 231 Cryptic Council No 24 (EC Godfrey Place, EC Gerald Bosch Comp. Allen Tshabangu and Comp. Sam Zwane, on behalf of Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Council No 6 were Chosen as Select Masters and Greeted as Super Excellent Masters).

16 January 2024



Chapter Amajuba 316 no 27 Installation.(Obligation and Investiture of MEC Paul Smit as MEZ, EC Stephen Smith as EH and EC Liam Smit as EJ).

27 January 2024



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27 January 2024*



*Joint Installation Ceremony of Brixton 790 Cryptic Council No 23 (Obligation and Investiture of T.I.M. Marianus de Jager, R.I.D.M. Vernon van Wyk and P.C.W. Duncan Hardie) and Acacia 231 Cryptic Council No 24 (Obligation and Investiture of T.I.M. Dino Kyriazis, R.I.D.M. James Little (absent) and P.C.W. Huntly Macpherson).
07 February 202*



*Brixton 790 Lodge & Council No 23 Red Cross Council to Recieve Bro. & Sir Kt. Demos Markantonis and Bro. & Sir Kt. Jacovos Markantonis into the Degrees of the Captivity and on behalf of Acacia 231 Lodge & Council No 24, Bro. & Sir Kt. Allen Tshabangu.
06 March 2024*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No 23 Mark Master Mason Degree to Admit Companion Costa Spyridis on behalf of Chapter Golden Thistle 245 No 25.
03 April 2024*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No 23 (Companion Costa Spyridis Mark Master Mason and
MEZ Peter Rogopoulos, Chapter Golden Thistle 245 No 25).*

03 April 2024



Chapter Acacia 231 No 24 Exaltation Ceremony for Companion Derian Echeverri-Molina.

15 April 2024



*Chapter Horeb No 13 Exaltation Ceremony for Companions Andrew Bowles, Dylan Bowles and Anton Neveling.
16 April 2024*



Chapter Horeb No 13 Exaltation Ceremony for Companions Andrew Bowles, Dylan Bowles and Anton Neveling. 16 April 2024



Acacia 231 Cryptic Council No 24 Companion Reinhard Osborn was Chosen as as Select Master and Greeted as a Super Excellent Master. 21 May 202



*Chapter Brixton 790 No 23 Mark Master Mason Degree to Admit Companions Byron Pinheiro, George Kochukov and Michael Shipton.
05 June 2024*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No 23 Mark Master Mason Degree to Admit Companions Byron Pinheiro, George Kochukov and Michael Shipton.
05 June 2024*



*Chapter Acacia 231 No 24 Mark Master Mason Degree to admit Companion Petrus van der Walt on behalf of Chapter Fidelity.
17 June 2024*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No 23 Excellent Masters Degree to Advance Companions
Michael Shipton and Byron Pinheiro.
03 July 2024*



*Acacia 231 Cryptic Council No 24 to honour Companions W Luck and G.J.O. Nortje
as Royal Masters.
16 July 2024*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No 23 Exaltation Ceremony for Companions Michael Shipton and Byron Pinheiro.
7 August 2024*



*Chapter Acacia 231 No 24 Installation Ceremony (Obligate and Invest EC Reyaan Uys as MEZ, EC Ben Chapman as EH and EC Howard Masenya as EJ).
19 August 2024*



*Chapter Fidelity No 15 Installation (Obligate and Invest EC J Boussogouth as MEZ,
EC L Bergstreedt as EH and EC A Tshabangu as EJ).
24 August 2024*



*Acacia 231 Cryptic Council No 24 to Choose Companions Willie Luck and Gerhard
Nortje as Select Masters and to Greet them as Super Excellent Masters.
17 September 2024*



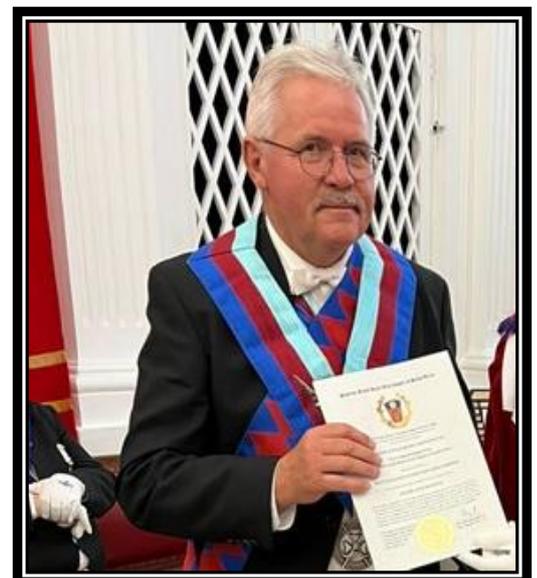
*Chapter Mutual No1 Installation (Obligate and Invest EC Cyril Engelke as MEZ, EC A van Dijk as EH (Absent) and MEC Avron Jacobson MSA as EJ).
26 November 2024*

In Memoriam / Ter Herinnering Aan



“ Lest we forget.”

Sadly, we lost MEC Bernard Neuhaus to the Grand Chapter above during the year. Bernard served the Supreme Grand Chapter with distinction as the Third Grand Principal.



“ Lest we forget.”

Sadly, we lost MEC John Harmse to the Grand Chapter above during the year. John served the Supreme Grand Chapter with distinction as the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

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