

**Grand Lodge of South Africa.
Grootloosie van Suid – Afrika.**



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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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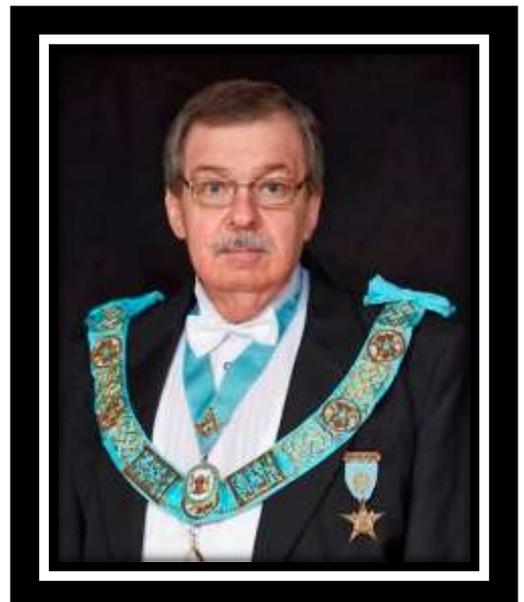
Arms: Or a square with corner baseward surmounted by a compass Gules;
on a chief Azure with a sun in splendour Or
Crest: A lion couchant; Or Wreath; Or Gules;
Supporters: Two Springboks proper; collared On Motto: Deo et Collegio.

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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 siening nie.
- (5) Dat terwyl Vrymesselary onder die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika op hierdie wyse gehoorsaamheid aan die Staat en sy lede se verantwoordelikhede as burgers teenoor die Staat by elkeen van sy lede inskerp, gun die Grootlosie die individu sy eie siening oor sake van openbare belang. Geen lid mag egter in die Losie of ter enige tyd in sy hoedanigheid as 'n Vrymesselaar sy siening oor godsdienstige en of politieke kwessies bespreek of probeer bevorder nie.
- (6) Dat die Grootlosie 'n hoë premie op elke persoon se individualiteit stel asook sy sedelike aanspreeklikheid vir al sy handeling, 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

- (c) reik vir nuwe Losies (en Koninklike Gewelfkapittels) tot tyd en wyl dit gerade of nodig geag word om 'n "Verenigde Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika" deur die vier Konstitusies, kragtens 'n onderlinge ooreenkoms, te stig.
- (c) Dat die bestaan van die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika as 'n onafhanklike Grootlosie nie die stigting van tyd tot tyd in oop gebiede deur die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland, die Grootlosie van Ierland en die Grootlosie van Skotland en hulle onderskeie Distriks- en Provinsiale Grootlosies en Dogterlosies van 'n ander of ander Grootlosies, met uitsluitlike gesag in oop gebiede oor die Vak en Simboliese Grade onder hulle administratiewe beheer, uitsluit nie.
- (12) Dat die lidmaatskap van die Grootlosie en die individuele Losies onder sy jurisdiksie uitsluitlik uit mans sal bestaan en dat elke Losie geen Masonieke gemeenskap van enige aard met gemengde Losies of liggame wat vroue toelaat sal hê nie.
- (13) Dat die beginsels van die Aloue Landmerke, sedes en gebruike van die Vak stiptelik nagekom sal word.
- (d) 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.
- (d) That the existence of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge shall not preclude the establishment in the open territories from time to time by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and their respective District and Provincial Grand Lodges and daughter Lodges of another or other Grand Lodges with sole and sovereign Masonic jurisdiction in the open territories over the Craft and Symbolic degrees within their administration.
- (12) That the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges shall be composed exclusively of men and that every Lodge shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed Lodges or bodies which admit women to its / their membership.
- (13) That the principles of the Ancient Landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed.

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.

Grand Lodge of South Africa.

With the consent of the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, the name of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa was changed to the Grand Lodge of South Africa following discussions with the United Grand Lodge of England on 8 June 1979 and confirmed on 8 October 1979. Consequently, wherever the name "Southern Africa" appears, it shall be read as South Africa.

Grand Lodge of South Africa

OBJECTIVE

It is the objective of this Grand Lodge:

- (1) to encourage all free-thinking men who wish to and who may already contribute to peaceful and poverty-free communities, to become members.
- (2) to encourage every member to adopt high moral and ethical standards in his daily life.
- (3) to encourage every member to expand on and improve his spiritual growth and to share this with all persons with whom he comes into contact.
- (4) to make a good man a better man by encouraging him to know, understand and practice the lessons to be learnt in the VSL, the Rituals and the Protocols and Customs of the 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.
GROOTLOSGE 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.

VALUES.

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 / Hoogerwaard Br
Godfrey Stuart Place.**



**Grand Lodge Commissioned Officers.
Deputy Grand Master / Adjunk Grootmeester.**



R.W. Bro JCA Roodt

Assistent Grootmeesters / Assistant Grand Masters.



R.W. Bro JJ Britz MSA



R.W. Bro KJ Hutton OSM



RM Bro SP Nash.

**Annual Report of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.
Die Grootmeester van die Grootlosie van Suid Afrika se Jaarverslag.
2024 / 2025.**

Once upon a time, Galileo wrote “You cannot teach a person something he does not already know; you can only bring what he does know to his awareness”.

It is my pleasure to present the Annual report of the Grand Lodge of South Africa for the Masonic year August 2024 to July 2025. This report will have been circulated to all members of our Grand Lodge, prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held in Johannesburg on Saturday 12 July 2025. The full report will also be published in the Yearbook 2025 and made available on Grand View.

Over the past year I have been privileged to have been able to visit Grand Lodges in other parts of the world. An aspect which has been common to all such visits, is that these Grand Lodges are all happy places, the Brethren are all smiling and happy in their Freemasonry. Freemasonry as practiced around the world differs slightly, but

these differences is what makes our experiences so much more worthwhile.

Our Grand Lodge has some happy places, but sadly there are pockets where cliques are formed and friction exists, where the true essence of Brotherly love falls short and personal beliefs, agendas and motives are promoted without looking inwardly, such selfish action sadly creating division and disharmony amongst brethren. This creates an unhealthy climate and chases members away. All levels of membership in our Order are found within these cliques, which begs the question to be asked, Why? Why not stamp these cliques out and build harmonious interactions, where although one may differ in opinion from one another, common ground can be found and differences set aside in the best interests of Freemasonry. Personal agendas, ambition, clamouring for rank and title, are some of the driving forces in these cliques, and should have no place in our Order. Perceptions and

failing to appreciate that there are those who hold different perceptions to yours, also contribute to perpetuation and formation of cliques.

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.

LEADERSHIP

The approach to the leadership processes which were implemented where instead of one the Annual Leadership Conference hosted in Bloemfontein to holding "mini leadership workshops" annually around the country, was met with resistance by the Provincial Grand Masters, citing costs as being prohibitive being a main reason for wanting to review the way the leaders of our Grand Lodge interact.

Whichever means will be used to continue regular interventions to continue to look for and discover and embrace new ideas and setting goals and targets for the Divisions, as well as Grand Lodge. This continues to implement the ethos of "How can we help you?".

The Annual Leadership Conference this year held in March in Bloemfontein, saw the leadership group tackle the same topics which were presented at the XIXth World Conference held in Brazil in November 2024. The theme of the conference was "**Freemasonry as a means for purpose**" with three sub-themes being "**Freemasonry as an enabler of trust in times of distrust**", "**Freemasonry as an enabler of deep connections**" and "**Attracting & retaining (future) generations**". Our leadership group tackled this programme with reference and focus on Freemasonry in South Africa under the auspices of our Grand Lodge. Feedback was summarised and specific interventions for immediate implementation identified to assist move our Grand Lodge forward on the path of sustainable growth and more importantly relevance in our country.

Feedback received at the conference on these topics, which looks inwardly at our Grand Lodge and our unique country, is summarised under these themes as follows:

Freemasonry as a means for purpose

"Freemasonry should focus on providing opportunities for spiritual growth to those who seek it. As society changes—with urbanization and declining religious influence—Freemasonry must evolve to help individuals develop character, moral values, and a deeper sense of purpose. Many people still seek meaning in life, even if they reject traditional religious dogma. Modern society also struggles with a lack of community, empathy, and tolerance. The discussion is relevant and well-supported by research, highlighting the universal human need for spiritual fulfilment, happiness, and psychological richness."

"Freemasonry must retain the transcendent aspects of its rituals and traditions to avoid becoming a mere social club. It needs to clearly define the value of membership, emphasizing personal growth to navigate an increasingly complex world. Addressing key issues, such as meaningful engagement and member retention, will resolve broader challenges. Simply stating that Freemasonry "makes good men better" is insufficient without concrete actions. In today's society, a lack of relevance, shifting values, and societal distractions undermine the search for meaning and purpose."

Freemasonry as an enabler of trust in times of distrust

"Modern society suffers from a deep lack of trust, with larger institutions struggling to maintain credibility while individual interactions foster more trust. Freemasonry should position itself as a source of trust, meaning, and value in a world of increasing distrust. The spread of disinformation highlights the need for greater transparency and openness, using social media, press, and public events to communicate Masonic identity, values, and principles."

"Modern society faces significant challenges, including a culture of instant gratification, immoral leadership, and self-interest. There is a lack of respect, accountability, and empathy, exacerbated by corruption, disinformation, and

low moral standards. The breakdown of trust and respect, coupled with high unemployment and poverty, makes it difficult for people to focus on higher ethical principles. The corruption of character at the highest levels of leadership negatively impacts society as a whole. Additionally, the spread of misinformation about Freemasonry adds to the challenges it faces. Key issues include instant gratification, disinformation, and materialism.”

“Freemasonry must show awareness and responsiveness to the world's current challenges, as it is both relevant and a duty. There is a strong belief that Freemasonry can do more, with a focus on action rather than just discussion. By creating a voice of moral concern and actively demonstrating care for others, Freemasonry can make a positive impact. The key theme is to focus on doing more, not just talking about it. The potential harm lies in failing to take meaningful action.

Freemasonry as an enabler of deep connections.

“Freemasonry plays a key role in retaining and developing human connections, especially in a world where social media and remote work are increasingly dominating. Despite these challenges, Freemasonry offers a platform for open and genuine discussion, helping to strengthen social dialogue. The lack of real human connection is a prominent issue today, and Freemasonry has the opportunity to counteract this trend by fostering meaningful connections and interactions.”

“Freemasonry in South Africa offers a unique bridge across cultural, racial, and socio-economic divides, promoting brotherhood and respect for diversity. While differences exist in traditions, beliefs, and communication styles, the universal nature of Freemasonry unites members with shared values like moral integrity, charity, belief in a Supreme Being, and brotherly love. Despite challenges such as race, class, language, and social standards, Freemasonry provides an opportunity to connect, learn, and bridge these divides through open dialogue and social engagement. More cross-cultural projects and interactions will help to demonstrate shared values and foster

greater understanding among members. Ultimately, Freemasonry encourages focusing on what unites us rather than what divides us.”

Attracting & retaining (future) generations.

“Different generations require distinct leadership styles, and each needs a tailored approach. Currently, Freemasonry offers a single model with little accommodation for varying age groups. Millennials and Gen X, in particular, are interested in understanding their role in the universe and spirituality, so promoting Freemasonry along those lines could be beneficial. The key is understanding the target generations and tailoring communication to attract them. Effective communication and understanding of generational differences will guide engagement and minimize division.”

“Younger brethren bring valuable strengths such as tech-savviness, global networking, fresh perspectives, energy, and diversity awareness. Their enthusiasm can drive innovation and modernize Freemasonry. To leverage their talents, lodges should embrace social media, digital strategy, and mentorship programs (including reverse mentoring). Leadership development, community engagement, and socializing opportunities should be prioritized. Freemasonry should adapt by incorporating technology into education and rituals—potentially through videos or specialized performances. Gamification and recognition (awards, stars) can enhance engagement. Fresh perspectives ensure organizational growth, while overcoming ego fosters progress. Utilizing these strengths will help sustain and evolve Freemasonry.”

I must thank everyone who participated in the Leadership Conference sessions, for the frank and honest debates, and in forging a strong leadership group across all divisions. I thank the Provincial Grand Masters, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR, and the provincial teams for their enthusiasm and input required in completing this task which we did on one day as opposed to the World Conference where this process was spread over three days.

MEMBERSHIP

Previous analyses 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. This past year has seen this trend start to reverse. Our membership at the end of 2024 had a slight but positive growth, despite losing some significant number of members for various reasons (taking these large negative losses out the equation) we showed that we are attracting significant number of applicants and seeing positive growth taking place. The results of Divisions implementing their growth plans is yielding results, however we have a long way to go to rebuild our number to where they were some 6, 7 or more years ago. We cannot rest on the achievements of the past year but must embrace these achievements as a foundation on which to build an even stronger and more healthy Grand Lodge.

Frank discussions were held with every Provincial Grand Master as they reported on their successes and achievements. While some fell short of their committed growth targets, the shortfall in numbers were added to their targets for the next year. Quality of membership is improving, where good men are being drawn to our Grand Lodge.

The plans continue to look at areas where growth could happen, which includes 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). I am pleased to report that the first such intervention has happened in the Northern Division where lodge Star of the North in Polokwane has been brought out of recess. Thanks must go to the Wor Bro Maxwell Matjane and his team of brethren largely from Lodge President Burgers but also from Lodge Star of the East and Lodge De Broederband, who have made this possible. A fully developed plan was presented to the Provincial Grand Master and in turn to me, which on 22 February 2025 saw the Lodge being rededicated and being able to operate once again as a lawfully constituted Lodge. The lodge has already initiated several brethren into the Order and has a sustainable

pipeline developing in an area where the previous members and management of the Lodge said there was no opportunity for growth.

In terms of finance, the reports from the Divisions signify far better control and management of membership dues. Divisions are thanked for their attention to the financial management as this provides stability not only in Divisions, but also in Grand Lodge where focus shifts to practicing freemasonry and not only on the management thereof. By members paying timeously and Lodge treasurers following up on stragglers, the number of exclusions at year end due to non-payment is reduced, and ensures that Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodges as well as Grand Lodge have the funds to meet their obligations.

The collection rate in the 2024 financial year was far better than the previous years, 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 2024. Having listened to the members, Grand Lodge is still fine tuning the billing system to remove gremlins which exist, which are mostly due to poor communication as opposed to system errors. Members are making their payments timeously and interventions are in place where some members are falling behind in their obligations.

Applications which are made via the Grand Lodge website are being followed up. Far too many applicants fall short of the criteria for being a member of the Order, however we have found some superb candidates amongst such enquiries. These applications are screened and then followed up by the Provincial teams. It is important to note that a success rate of onboarding new members is relative to how quickly contact is established with a potential candidate.

RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION

The previously identified concern that the intellectual capital of the Grand Lodge is vested in too few people has not changed. This continues to be a serious risk to the organisation. Efforts to change this situation have as yet not yielded results, and the efforts to identify willing

Brethren who would have the necessary skills and attributes have similarly not been successful.

Discussions were held with the Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards, OSM, who carries the bulk of the administrative burden on his shoulders, through his interaction with members in our Grand Lodge, to identify some potential members who might want to assist and learn the ropes thereby ensuring continuity and protection of our intellectual property is safeguarded. This has not yielded any result. 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. In the new Masonic year, we are pleased to announce that the retiring Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division has identified a suitable candidate (brother of talent) to assist the Grand Secretary and start to learn the ropes associated to this important position.

An area where we did achieve success was in that Bro Manny De Freitas (Lodge De Goede Hoop and Lodge Prins Frederik) agreed to assist in the publication of the monthly Square and Compass newsletter and he has since brought a new look and feel to the monthly newsletter. The editorial team has received compliments from numerous Brethren on the information contained in it.

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. Sadly, this once again is an area that needs focus as we head into another Masonic year in our Grand Lodge. Far too often, busy Brethren assume responsibility to address and revamp our processes to make them more efficient but are unable to deliver the results required as they are sometimes involved in too many aspects and spheres of our Order. Two young Masons have recently put their hands up to get involved, and we will see their involvement increasing as we move forward on some initiatives, mindful that they are still full-time employees and not full-time masons.

The FNB banking platform has enabled the consolidation of all Lodge accounts into the Provincial and ultimately Grand Lodge financial reports. There are still some Lodge Treasurers who do not update their Lodge accounts on the Instant Accounting System which impacts on the reliability of results. The system takes a little bit of effort but is not wieldier than any other commercially available accounting package, if one applies a little effort into understanding how to correctly allocate receipts and payments. We are still discovering Lodges who are holding “secret” accounts instead of transferring these into the Grand Lodge banking system. This practice places our entity at risk in terms of its registration as a Non-Profit Company.

Financial controls and compliance have been a focus over the past 2 years. The intricate and complex accounting system has seen the past two years focus on generating the consolidated accounts for the years 2021 through to 2022, which have (eventually) by the end of June 2025 been completed. Dealing with historic data results in longer time being spent to resolve matters, which would not have been the case had they been addressed at the time and not allowed to drift for such a long period of time. Any anomalies which were discovered in these accounts will be addressed as specific entries in the current 2024 financial statements which have been prepared and reviewed by an independent auditor.

Our submissions to SARS have been brought up to date, and all tax returns have been filed, and we do have a Tax Clearance Certificate. The work of the Grand Treasurer and Mrs Fiona van Collier, relies heavily on Lodge Treasurers and Provincial Grand Treasurers attending to financial controls at Lodge and Provincial level. A Provincial Grand Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that lodges in his Division meet the requirements for information to be submitted timeously. A call for quarterly submission over the past financial year were heeded in some quarters, while others failed to respond or deal with recalcitrant Lodges. This requires more effort to ensure that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge are in order, which comes with a price tag to Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution and Regalia Committee has been active over the past year, reviewing the proposed revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge. This has been a mammoth task and thanks to Wor Bro Wikus Steyl for his efforts in preparing the consolidated version, as well as other members of the committee for their input. Additional input was received from the Provincial Grand Masters and other Senior officer of Grand Lodge. Such feedback is provided by these Brethren amidst their busy work schedules. Collating all feedback and reviewing feedback received is a time-consuming process. Such feedback highlights how different people read the various articles which make up the proposed new Constitution. The aim has been to remove any such ambiguities and try and make the new version as user friendly as possible.

It was the intention to publish the Constitution Laws and Regulations during the course of this masonic year, but rather than rush something as important as this, time has been spent to ensure that by the time this document is ready for distribution and implementation, it will be as accurate and complete as is possible with all anomalies and queries resolved.

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.

There have been no disciplinary issues this year, which is a wonderful indictment to the fact that Brethren uphold the principles of the Order and avoid sowing seeds of dissention and disharmony amidst our ranks.

EDUCATION

A theme which was highlighted at the World Conference in 2024, resonated with what our Grand Lodge has been endeavouring to roll out

and implement. Masonic Education is key to long and happy journeys being undertaken by our members. This was also highlighted at the Leadership Conference in Bloemfontein.

The results of the planning around programmes to enhance this value proposition with regards to the educational aspect of our Order were revealed in Bloemfontein, where RW Bro Simon Nash unveiled the “eLearning” experience. This programme will enhance the experience of our membership across the three craft degrees. The next phase will be the roll out of the Leadership Programme. Every member of our Grand Lodge will have a unique log on identity to the programme, which will enable them work through all the material and take the tests attached to each section. Our thanks go to RW Bro Nash and his wife Jané for their time and effort in putting this programme together for us.

PROGRAMMES

Ritual Excellence:

The programme is aimed at improving one’s Masonic knowledge and at the same time allowing members to gain experience and confidence and be able to grow personally which will stand them in good stead on their Masonic journey (as well as in their daily lives). It is not about collecting lapel pins, but rather 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. The 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.

A team has been appointed to review the rules and processes around the programme, to make it more accessible to all and to promote it in all our Lodges. The records of members who have earned Ritual of Excellence points was to have been created on a central data base, and to have been kept up to date. This aspect has fallen by the wayside and must receive the attention it deserves.

Balanced Lodge Programme:

The concept of this programme was promoted by RW Bro Brandon Topham, OSM. The idea being that 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 responses from Lodges have been particularly poor this past year, and at times the validity of some of the responses is questioned. The tool should be used to assist the Lodge achieve its plans and goals. If the returns are discussed at the Board of Management meetings, Lodge members will gain insight into making their lodge a functional and happy place, encouraging them to aspire to greater heights in all facets of Freemasonry. Based on some responses, it appears that this has been treated as a box ticking process merely to gain points, therefore rendering the results questionable and not helping the management of Lodges improve.

Requests for input into the programme, to revise the questions and make them more relevant now than they were 2 years ago, did not elicit any responses from around the country. Sadly, there were more negative comments received about the programme than positive ones, which indicates that Lodges have misunderstood the essence of the programme.

The Award to the most balanced Lodge for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 will be announced at the meeting and the minutes of the meeting will record the most balanced lodge.

DIVISIONS

Southern Division:

The Division had not performed to the required level of commitment as set out in the agreed plan. Fragmentation due to cliques forming, did not help matters, and visible conflict amongst very senior members in the division who were tasked to resolve such issues amongst themselves did not materialise. The toxic environment was unhealthy and it had to be rooted out. As such

there was an operational decision to change the leadership structure in the Division.

Bro Malcolm Gessler has been appointed as Acting Provincial Grand Master with a view to rebuilding harmony and sustainability in the Division.

Northern Division:

RW Bro Simon Philip Nash, Provincial Grand Master (Northern Division) has continued to implement strategies within the Division which have seen the recovery of lapsed members and growth of new members work towards set targets being achieved. The plan to grow by some 20% is well on its way to being achieved.

As with life, change is inevitable and there were changes in terms of the Management Structure of the Provincial Grand Lodge being implemented. The Northern Division is in good hands and although change may seem to be unsettling, there is a sense of stability and enjoyment in the Division which bodes well for growth and sustainability. Change also identifies areas where improvement is required, with processes implemented to make Freemasonry fun again, whilst still exercising the relevant administrative controls and functions.

The Provincial Grand Master was diagnosed with some serious health issues and requested that he be relieved of his appointment as Provincial Grand Master at the end of the Divisions Masonic year. The request has been accepted and the I thank the retiring Provincial Grand Master for his loyal service to the Division over the past three years. Although some plans in terms of succession planning have been disrupted because of this, the Division has a solid foundation and the Provincial Grand Lodge officers are all fully committed to the plan which is in place and being actioned for the sustainability and growth of the Division. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master has been appointed to the position of Provincial Grand Master, and we look forward to continuing to work closely ensuring the continued success of the Division.

Central Division:

RW Bro Marcel de Kock, Provincial Grand Master (Central Division) continues to work

towards meeting the targets agreed within the Division. There is enthusiasm within the Division, and palpable energy, which has seen Lodges which were previously seen to be struggling, suddenly achieving turn around and achieving real growth.

It is with a heavy heart that we report that the Division lost their Assistant Provincial Grand Master Wor Bro Jan Andries Coetzee to the eternal East. His loyalty and service to the Division will be missed.

Wor Bro Francois Dauth continues in his office of Assistant Provincial Grand Master. With a small, but growing Division, the Provincial Grand Officers (some of whom fill more than one office) continue to work towards achieving growth, surprisingly more in the “country” Lodges rather than in the Lodges in the major centre of Bloemfontein where membership levels are stagnant. Focus needs to shift to seeing these City Lodges working towards real growth in their membership.

Eastern Division:

RW Bro Johan van der Merwe, Provincial Grand Master (Eastern Division) has seen renewed energy being experienced in the Division, driven by new members joining the Order as well as first time Presiding Masters being installed in their Lodges, which brings new life and enthusiasm in their Lodges. The Provincial Grand Lodge has seen a growth of 25% over the past year, and indications are that this growth will continue.

Lodge Meerensee in Richards Bay, celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2025. This saw the rededication of the Lodge take place on the same weekend as the Division’s Annual Meeting. This Lodge is one where a new Master was installed, and the Lodge is seeing lapsed members return to the Lodge together with a pipeline of new candidates in line for initiation.

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. Some of these Wardens have now been installed as Master of their Lodge which enables them to become fully fledged Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

RW Bro Frans Roodt, was appointed as Deputy Grand Master and continues to work closely with the Provincial Grand Master and the Division on the growth strategy for the Division. There are plans being developed to look at establishing a new lodge in the Division, as well as potentially bringing Lodges out of recess. Such initiatives will not be rushed with plans and goals being developed to ensure success and sustainability when these come to fruition.

Eastern Cape Division:

RW Bro Ric Gillmer, Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Cape Division, has maintained a steady and hands-on leadership approach over the past year, supported by his dedicated team of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. While the Division has not yet met its ambitious growth targets, there are clear indications that a turning point is being reached. Several initiations have taken place, and should this momentum continue, the outlook for sustained membership growth is promising.

The Division remains organisationally stable. Lodges are functioning regularly, and attendance at Installation Festive Boards and social events has been notably well supported. Many of these events have seen the attendance of non-Masons, including men expressing serious interest in joining the Craft, a sign that the Division’s outreach strategies are beginning to yield fruit. The PGM has applied lateral and progressive thinking in this regard.

Inter-constitutional relationships remain strong, particularly with their Scottish Brethren, and these bonds are being fostered through shared events and reciprocal attendance. This has created a sense of unity in the region, reinforcing the relevance and visibility of Freemasonry in the broader community

A focused plan is in place in the PE lodges to improve lodge sustainability through leadership

development, mentoring of younger Brethren, and a refreshed emphasis on ritual quality and lodge culture. The Provincial Grand Master will initiate a junior leadership project, tasking a select group of younger Brethren with critically analysing the current state of the Division and identifying long-term opportunities for innovation, relevance, and growth. This is intended not only to future-proof the Division but to build a pipeline of capable masons and future leaders of our order.

It is with sadness that the Division reports the passing of W Bro Vittorio “Vic” Tabanelli, a pillar of Lodge Royal Protea and the East London Masonic community. His loss is deeply felt, and his memory will continue to inspire the Brethren of the Division.

Namibia:

Lodge Makalani, in Grootfontein continues to work hard in their community, often without much fanfare and continues to make a difference in their town. They willingly participated in the Cookie Challenge at the end of 2024, with their members donating a sizeable quantity of cookies which were distributed to the less fortunate in their community, bringing much needed relief and festive joy to the recipients. 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.

The members of the Central and Northern Divisions, who attended the Annual Festival of Installation, reported that this is a highlight of not only the Lodge’s year, but in their own calendars, as they experience true Brotherly love when visiting Grootfontein. RW Bro Alf Bronner, OSM, must once again be thanked for leading the delegation to attend to this event Bro Marcel De Kock and his team not only of Central Divisions officers but also those from the Northern Division performing the installation ceremony.

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. There was a greater level of support from the Lodges in the Divisions, who collected just over 3 tons of biscuits which were collected and repackaged and distributed around the country. Those members who participated in the distribution, spoke volumes as to how they were affected by such a drive. Often, we lose sight as to what we can do on a simple basis more regularly to make meaningful impacts in our communities.

The Grand Master’s theme of aiding those in society who suffer from Alzheimer’s and Dementia seems to suffer from fits and starts with a low level of enthusiasm being witnessed. Marble Racer patterns and bags were distributed amongst the leadership group at the Conference held in Bloemfontein in March. Roughly 100 such items were made available for distribution; however, patterns issued to every member have been ignored. As much as we rise to the easily attained challenges such as the Cookie Challenge, the more difficult challenges are ignored, much as we do in our daily lives where we avoid the tough things and look for easy and quick gratification.

Members of Lodge Prins Frederik continue to support 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.

The annual Hunt organised by the Brethren of Lodge De Broederband is another initiative where all the meat harvested on that weekend is donated to a children’s home. Brethren also use this opportunity to hold a Bush Lodge experience, reinforcing the ideals of our Order, with the lodge being closed at sunset, with profound impressions being created by those attending.

The Northern Division continues to play a role in the TIMC, which provides small monthly stipends to distressed Brethren, or “bursaries” to children or grandchildren of Freemasons to pursue tertiary education. A similar education fund exists in the Southern Division.

In Cape Town, Wor Bro Gary Hendricks continues to run the feeding scheme which he commenced in 2017. More than 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 or some form of sustenance. He together with some Brethren make up small food packs which contain basic ingredients for distribution to struggling 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 continue with the collection and distribution of second-hand clothing to an exceptionally impoverished settlement on the outskirts of Gqeberha.

Some of the Central Division Lodges collected cookies in response to the Cookie Challenge which were distributed to children at a local school. The members also support some needy community members with monthly food parcels.

The Eastern Division once again rose to the Cookie Challenge and collected in excess of 100kg of biscuits which were donated to the Elders' Voice organisation.

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 our impact on society in general will be and experienced.

MASONIC HOMES PROJECT

The Masonic Homes charity arm was started as a Southern Division Charity initiative. For the last 50 odd years, this has been a project under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge (Southern Division). The onus on raising funds for the continued operation of the project is that of the members in the Southern Division. Raising funds is becoming more difficult, as was experienced at the Spring Ball in 2024. Perhaps the time has come to spread the load, and make this part of the Grand Lodge Benevolence, managed by the Southern Division.

Thank you Wor Bro Michael Burchell who, as the Chairman of the Masonic Homes NPC, continues to keep a firm hand on the project. Thanks, must also go to the directors of the

Masonic Homes NPC, and our accountant Fiona van Coller, for keeping our business up to date and regular.

Anyone involved in property management will appreciate the intricacies of property management, as so many things can go wrong without prior warning. Thanks, must also be extended to the various house committee members for their continued commitment with regards the maintenance and upkeep of these homes namely:

MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM - Desmain lodge
Wor Bro Mike Burchell- Burchell House
Wor Bro Bradley Bordiss – Ted's house
Wor Bro Jan Venter – Andy's house
Wor Bro Danny Retief – Quad home

OBITUARIES

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 do not believe that we have done enough in terms of this over the past year. Numerous lost opportunities have slipped by, and we only have ourselves to blame. Every opportunity presented to us to do good in our community, is an opportunity to get coverage in our local community newspapers and on the Divisional web sites. By being proud of what we do and who we are, we will expose our Lodges to many potential members to may wish to join our Order.

We are fortunate to have two young keen and eager Master Masons in the Southern Division who want to work with us in improving our public image by using the tools which they understand, and which are freely available to debunk the numerous myths surrounding our Order. They talk the language of the millennials

and Gen Z in society and will be tasked with spearheading the drive to enhance our image to the public at large.

We must be proud of our history and record it. To this end, the Annual Yearbook is compiled. Thank you MW Bro David James Duncan, OSM, for once again collecting and publishing the 2024 version. If ever there is a labour of love and immense frustration, it is the collating and publication of the Annual Yearbook. The yearbook is available on Grand View. MW Bro Dave Duncan, OSM, identified that the website did not have any of our yearbooks available for interested people to read, and we can report back that this oversight has been corrected.

Provincial web sites have been established and launched. These web sites provide a basis for interaction with people in their relevant divisions. There is some misunderstanding as to how the websites are managed and updated, which has seen these being out of date, the good news is that content sent to the site manager will be uploaded leading to more hits and longer visits to the sites.

The Grand Lodge website is finally undergoing a complete makeover. This was held back to enable the Divisional websites to go live. The first test on the website has been completed and the new site will go live shortly.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our strategy to be more visible and participative on our continent is reaping the rewards of enhancing our relations with our Brethren in Africa. Our Grand Lodge is well recognised in Africa, as when we visit other Grand Lodges, we arrive with anything up to 8 Brethren accompanying the Grand Master. The 2024 Conference of African Grand Masters (and Secretaries) was held in Abuja Nigeria. As business at that meeting was not concluded, a special meeting has been convened and held in Johannesburg, and our visiting Grand lodges have done us proud with many large delegations arriving to be with us at our Annual Meeting for 2024/5.

We have attempted to attend the Installation of every new Grand Master in Africa over the past

24 months. This builds bridges and strengthens ties without fellow African Brethren, despite the odd language barriers being encountered, or challenges in obtaining visas, all being seen as part of the fun. To the intrepid team who continue to fly our GLSA flag high, thank you for being part of the informal but formal Foreign Relations team. Your new Brothers in Africa value you and are here this Annual Meeting to return your commitment to our Craft.

We have been approached by numerous Grand Lodges to recognise them and enter into amity or set up treaties of recognition with them. Numerous invitations from many Grand Lodges around the World are received to attend their Annual Communications. It is not possible to accept many of these invitations as they often clash with events on our calendar, together with financial constraints and availability of time prevents us from being able to accept every invitation received.

MW Bro John Ewald Henry Smith, OSM, MSA, as Grand Chancellor has his hands full in processing the numerous requests for recognition received and the preparation of the necessary documents which cement these relations for future generations to enjoy.

Some of our Formal but Informal Foreign Relations team, accompanied the Grand Chancellor and Grand Master to the World Conference in Brazil at the end of November 2024. This was an amazing event, where not only were we able to strengthen relations with many Grand Lodges around the World, we benefitted from the conference content and realised that although we are all Sovereign Grand Lodges, we all face very similar challenges and the sharing of ideas and experiences in the various working groups provided us insight into what can be addressed in South Africa. 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 May 2026.

We attended the Installation of the Grand Masters of Nigeria, Togo and Ghana where we were warmly received and their support for the World Conference is undeniably strong and sincere.

We sent a delegation to attend the Grand Lodge of Benin's annual communication where we were requested to perform the installation ceremony of their Lodge Alliance No 50 which works the GLSA ritual, This meeting was on the same weekend as the Annual Communication of the National Grand Lodge of Greece.

We attended the Annual Communication of the National Grand Lodge of Greece in Athens where with support of their Grand Chancellor, RW Bro Dimitri Skiadopolous, and their Grand Master MW Ioannis Benetatos we were able to promote the World Conference. The favourite saying there was very true in that we are "all one big fat family" in true Greek style and hospitality. An energetic and progressive Grand Master supported by his equally supportive Grand and Provincial Grand Officers is seeing phenomenal growth occur.

We also attended the Annual Communication of the Grand East of the Netherlands, where we met up with many Grand Masters who we last saw in Brazil. We were asked to address their meeting to explain the deep fraternal bonds between our two Grand Lodges, and at the same time were afforded the opportunity of promoting the World Conference.

We left the day after the GEN meeting and headed to Ireland to celebrate the Grand Lodge of Ireland's tercentenary. I was very fortunate to meet their new Grand Master in Athens and was warmly received in Dublin. We were able to promote the World Conference with many Grand Lodges with whom we have not had contact, with many expressing interest to attend the conference.

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.

In September 2024, the retiring First Grand Principal installed MEC Avron Jacobsen MSA as

their First Grand Principal. The Royal Arch is stable and growing with Chapters opening up new avenues in the various degrees under the RA such as the Cryptic Council, the Royal Ark Mariners etc... These have contributed to the very noticeable energy in the "Royal Arch" activities.

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

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

Highlights of the past year are summarised as follows:

Leadership & Vision:

The year was marked by growth, innovation, and commitment to Masonic values. Ritual quality, member development, and inter-jurisdictional collaboration were major focus areas. Emphasis was placed on servant leadership, mentorship, and preparing the Order for long-term sustainability.

Key Highlights:

- **New Initiatives:**
 - Introduction of *nominated members* to support weaker Chapters.
 - Launch of *bi-annual national 32nd degree workings* to elevate prestige and unity.
- **Membership:** 161 members (as of March 2025), with the 18° and 33° being most populated. Recruitment and education efforts are ongoing in partnership with the Grand Lodge of SA.
- **Education & Technology:**
 - Strengthened mentorship programs and online education systems.
 - Ongoing tech integration and increased social media presence.

Strategic Focus Areas (from AGM):

1. Member engagement and retention

2. Leadership pipeline development
3. Technology and communication upgrades
4. Financial sustainability
5. Public visibility of Freemasonry
6. Stronger inter-jurisdictional collaboration

Recognitions & Leadership Changes:

- **Simon Nash** recognized for exemplary service; stepping down as Treasurer but remains active in education.
- **Juan de Villiers** appointed Grand Treasurer General.
- Awards presented to Bros Nash, Mostert, and de Villiers.

Regional Activity:

- All five regions reported active degree work, with the **Eastern Cape** and **Central** regions hosting national 32° workings.
- The **Northern Region** implemented specialization by Chapter for degree workings.
- The **Southern Region** made ritual equipment upgrades.
- The **North Eastern Region** strengthened ties with Scottish Rite branches.

International Relations:

- Strong engagement with **Scotland, England & Wales, and Greece**.
- Active inter-visitation and mutual representation agreements in place.
- Preparations underway for participation in the **2025 World Conference of Supreme Councils** in Romania.

Closing Message:

The Sovereign Grand Commander emphasises the importance of servant leadership, unity, and long-term vision. Freemasonry's strength lies in service, character development, and fraternal bonds.

We look forward to the continued close working relationship between the Craft Lodges and the Supreme Council of the AASR.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS.

We are fortunate to continue to work in harmony with the Sister Constitutions in our 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 past year. 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 Grand Lodges beyond our Borders, this support remains unexpected but greatly appreciated. This effort continues to demonstrate to 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 during 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 2025 Yearbook.

Balanced Lodge of the year:

The balanced Lodge programme is designed to assist Lodges who diligently apply it in the management and running of the Lodge. By so doing they are able to achieve many aspects of the vision of the Grand Lodge to the betterment of Freemasonry as a whole, but more particularly in our Lodges where the Presiding Master's plan can be monitored and areas where aspects are not up to standard or goals not being achieved can be addressed. It would appear that many lodges fail to recognise the importance of the programme and do not participate in it, while from some of the returns, it appears that the process is seen to be nothing other than a box ticking exercise falsely positioning the Lodge as being well and truly balanced. As the programme is a tool for self-monitoring and improvement, we have respected the submissions made, but caution that as in the stories of the VSL, a house built on sand and poor foundations will fall. The builder is not rewarded for building a mansion without solid foundations, and the same should apply to lodges where the importance of stability, focus on the right aspects of our lodges should be more important than on winning an award.

On the positive side, the programme 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. I sincerely hope that the negative perceptions above are just perceptions and that there has been a marked improvement in the management and activities of the Lodges in contention which will lead to growth and prosperity and in turn making the Grand Lodge of South Africa the Constitution of choice in our country.

Grand Lodge Charity Jewel:

Many of our members are doing so much good in their communities, often on their own, and seek

to remain under the radar and out of the limelight. Although we respect their wishes, we do believe that we should recognise individuals who continue to practice the charitable aspect in their communities.

One such member has sought to stay out of the spotlight, quietly going about practicing the virtues of our Masonic Order, without seeking recognition for the continued good deeds he performs. His philanthropic efforts are remarkable in both his personal and professional capacity. He does so much for the Welkom community, and in so doing reflects the finest virtues of our Craft.

The recipient is not only a Mason, but a businessman, entrepreneur, supporter of charitable causes and a keen motorcyclist, where an allied link to Freemasonry through the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Association, has seen his being recognised for the good work he does, and has been promoted to International Vice President, as he has been instrumental in the expansion of the Widows Sons, while cultivating a sense of unity amongst Brethren of all constitutions across our Country.

As recently installed Presiding Master of his Lodge Central Free State, he sets an example which no doubt will inspire other Brethren to emulate his efforts.

Wor Bro Aristos Abatzoglou is the worthy recipient of the Grand Lodge Charity Jewel as his benevolent activities have way surpassed the requirement set to achieve such a prestigious award.

CONCLUSION

It is hard to believe that another year has flashed 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. Today I am sure that we are starting to see the positive outcomes of the efforts of all who work for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

There have been small wins on the way, sadly some sad disappointments as well which

neutralise the positive aspects. Two years ago, in my inaugural address I promised to listen more. I have heard what some of the Provincial Grand Masters have said to me and to us and to the Order. Although we may agree to disagree, we have changed course and together we will see if the fair winds will pick up and steer us quickly to our destination, or whether we will encounter storms or merely be becalmed. Whatever lies ahead is in the hands of those on deck. That includes every member of this Grand Lodge. If we have to Heave Ho, and change course again, we will do so, the prize being that destination which is determined by our grand plan.

One undeniable fact which we all must face, is that at times we need to cast our nets on the other side of the ship to reap the rewards of a great catch, as the side on which we are currently focussed is only letting us net little tiddlers. This requires us all to examine ourselves, the oath which we have taken, to remove prejudice and misconceptions to create the Grand Lodge which is akin to those we visit outside our borders. We all suffer from preconceived perceptions, and we must work on ourselves to move forward and create an environment which is based solely on the principals of our order, a non-racial, non-political, non-judgemental environment which fosters brotherly love, respect and the adherence to our principals of truth, morality, relief and brotherly love.

We will continue to improve our product offering, improve our service delivery in terms of administration (the work and effort invested is starting to yield positive results, but to improve we all need to play by the rules and ensure that processes are followed and communication is clear and unambiguous). We listen to feedback, but when it consists of generalisations, we are unable to address concerns, we need hard facts to see where improvements can be made.

We have invested in our Divisional websites, the aim being to make our Grand Lodge more visible, unless we use them as the plan intends them to be used, we do not get the returns on that investment that we could easily achieve, it just takes willing players to put their hands up and take ownership of these aspects to cultivate that winning culture we desire.

We must work harder on the benevolent projects (the Alzheimer and Dementia project must continue to run), the cookie challenge during the festive season or another challenge which will excite the members to participate in. This is the way we win and steer the ship into the harbour.

I must extend a word of thanks to the leadership group of the Grand Lodge of South Africa the Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters, 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 who in their own ways have worked towards meeting the aims and objectives which have been set.

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 continue to morph into much larger ones as we all work to making our Grand Lodge more visible in our communities.

If we review the past year and reflect on our achievements, we need to ask the question, was the sacrifice of time and effort worth it? I believe it has been worth it, could we have achieved more, perhaps, but we must realise that we are part time Freemasons, and we cram the extra duties into our already busy lives. It has assisted the Leadership of Grand Lodge to identify work to be done in the forthcoming year and we should be excited to tackle these challenges knowing that the strong foundations laid over the past two years will carry the loads of the structure being erected, brick by brick.

What makes it possible for us all to attend to the business of Grand Lodge? Firstly, the fortune of good health bestowed on us 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 home when I have had to attend to masonic matters, or when virtual meetings held during what others believe to be family times. I was lucky to be

accompanied by Linda on the trip to Greece, where she made new friends across language barriers, which shows that even our families can experience what we as Freemasons do, and where she saw other aspects of Freemasonry at work, being welcomed into that great big fat Greek family.

As we enter the next Masonic Year, let us ever be mindful of the obligations we have taken or are about to take. We must 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.
Grand Lodge of South Africa.**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA
HELD ON SATURDAY, 14 JULY 2025
AT PARK LANE TEMPLE, JOHANNESBURG.**

1. At 13h45 all members of the Grand Lodge and the visitors, including those from foreign Grand Lodges other than the delegation leaders, entered the Temple and took up their allocated seats.
2. At 14h25 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 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 Alex Ndubuisi.

<u>Grand Lodge</u>	<u>Delegation Leader</u>	<u>Office</u>
Nigeria	MW Bro Eric Okotie	Grand Master.
Ghana	MW Bro Nortey Omabo	Grand Master.
Mozambique	Bro Gabriel Pereira	Grand Master.
Mauritius	RW Bro Jean Chaumiere	Grand Chancellor.
UGL of Germany	MW Bro Michael Volkwein	Grand Master.
Congo	MW Bro Enoch Miatabouna	Assistant Grand Master.
Burkina Faso	MW Bro Alain Coefe	Grand Master.
Madagascar	RW Bro Ravaka Ratsararay	Assistant Grand Master.
Benin	MW Bro Matthieu Lawson	Grand Master.
Senegal	MW Bro Charles Medor	Grand Master.
Togo	MW Bro Pitassa Kao	Grand Master.
Ivory Coast	MW Bro Sylvere Koyo	Grand Master.
National GL of Greece	MW Bro Dimitrios Kontesis	Past Grand Master.
Gabon	RW Bro Francis Codjie	Assistant Grand Master.
Liberia	MW Bro Willis Allen	Grand Master.
Washington DC	RW Bro Jeremy Barnes.	
Scotland	Bro Jim Kerr	RW District Grand Master.
Grand Lodge of Ireland	RW Bro Tony Bosch	Provincial Grand Master.
UGL of England	RW Bro Chris van Gaalen	District Grand Master.

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 John Smith OSM MSA responded to the salute.

8. The Grand Master instructed the Grand Master of Ceremony to afford the visiting Delegations a Salutation of 11. RW Bro Chris van Gaalen (UGL of England) responded to the salute.

9. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING.

The Grand Secretary, MW Bro Geoffrey Edwards OSM, advised that the notice convening the meeting had been circulated to all members on 2 separate occasions. 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 Frans Roodt, 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 Neville Klein OSM
RW Bro Basil de Kock
RW Bro John Miller
RW Bro Ron Smith
VW Bro Louis van der Linde
VW Bro Marius Terblanche
Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Wor Bro Jan Venter
Wor Bro Koos du Preez

14. OBITUARIES.

The Grand Master requested all Brethren to stand and face the East with the sign of reverence. RW Bro Reuven Coenen and RW Bro Monty Montgomery read the preamble. The Grand Secretary read the names of the Grand Lodge Officers who had passed away since the last annual meeting. Wor Bro Alex Ndubuisi read the closing charge. The deceased Brethren are the following:

Wor Bro Vittorio Tabanelli. Royal Protea, Past Grand Inner Guard (Conferred).
Wor Bro Jan Coetzee. Central Free State Past Grand Steward (Conferred).

15. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GRAND LODGE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE DE GOEDE HOOP TEMPLE ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2024.

The Grand Secretary reported that these minutes had been circulated to all members and were included in the booklet. 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 2024 – 2025.

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 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER 2024 – 2025.

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 Keith Hutton OSM and was unanimously accepted.

19. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024.

The Grand Treasurer, RW Bro Brandon Topham OSM, read and gave his financial report. RW Bro Topham then referred to selected items in the Financial Statements for 2024. RW Bro Topham proposed that the report be accepted and form part of the meeting's minutes. This proposal was formally seconded by RW Bro Johan Britz MSA and was adopted.

20. CAPITATION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2026.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Treasurer had tabled his budget and that, after extensive debate, the capitation fees had been determined. The Grand Secretary advised that the Grand Lodge Capitation Contribution for 2026 will be R1,600.00 per ordinary member, R1,050,00 for members who are 70 years or older and R800.00 for bona fide, full-time students.

21. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER.

The Grand Treasurer proposed that we re-appoint BDT Auditing Services Incorporated as the Grand Lodge Reviewer. This was seconded by RW Bro Reuven Coenen and was unanimously carried.

22. NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

No proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws were tabled at the meeting.

23. PAST GRAND RANK CONFERRED.

The Grand Master read out the name of 2 Brothers on whom Past Grand Rank had been conferred and presented them with their certificates.

Past Grand Steward Wor Bro Donald Onyango (ND)

Past Grand Steward Wor Bro Stefan Stadler (ND)

24. AWARD FOR BEST SECRETARY OF THE YEAR FOR 2024 – 2025.

The Grand Secretary advised that he had considered several Brethren and noted that Brethren such as RW Bro Marius Mostert, Wor Bro Doug Sansom and VW Bro Marius Terblanche were all making a real difference. The award, however, went to Bro Gerhard Muller (Prins Frederik) who not only excels as the Lodge Secretary but also willingly contributes in other areas where he can assist.

25. ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE GRAND MASTER.

25.1 The Grand Master presented the "Balanced Lodge" trophy to Losie Trichardt. He stressed that the real intention of the program was to help to uplift our Lodges and exhorted those Lodges who did not submit regular returns to take better advantage of this opportunity.

25.2 The Grand Master announced that the winner of the trophy for the "Best Installation Address" was RW Bro Simon Nash. Over the past year he had written several thought-provoking papers.

25.3 The Grand Master presented a Charity Jewel to Wor Bro Aristos Abatzoglou of Central Free State. He is a tireless worker for charitable causes and sets a superb example.

26. OBLIGATION AND INVESTITURE OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2025 – 2026.

26.1 The Grand Master obligated and invested RW Bro Frans Roodt as the Deputy Grand Master.

26.2 The Grand Master obligated and invested RW Bro Simon Nash as an Assistant Grand Master.

26.3 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 OSM
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 A
Assistant Grand Secretary	*	Wor Bro Leroyd Bergsteedt
Grand Treasurer	*	RW Bro Brandon Topham OSM
Assistant Grand Treasurer	*	RW Bro Ric Gillmer
Grand Orator	*	VW Bro Frederick Meiring
Grand Orator	*	VW Bro Demos Markantonis
Grand Master of Ceremony		VW Bro Louis van der Linde
Grand Master of Ceremony	*	VW Bro Achille Katumbay
Grand Master of Ceremony	*	VW Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony		Wor Bro Mark Hiles
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	*	Wor Bro Alex Ndubuisi
Grand First Preparator	*	Wor Bro Machiel Britz
Grand Almoner	*	VW Bro Andre Germishuys
Grand Ambassador		VW Bro Marius Terblanche
Grand Inspector		Wor Bro Jan Venter
Grand Architect	*	Wor Bro Andre Botes
Grand Architect	*	Wor Bro John Weigelt
Grand Architect	*	Wor Bro Gerald Bosch
Grand Architect	*	Wor Bro Wikus Steyl
Grand Architect	*	Wor Bro Theoniel Pieterse
Grand Inner Guard	*	Wor Bro Michael Burchell
Grand Sword Bearer	*	Wor Bro Ettienne Kotze
Grand Banner Bearer		Wor Bro Koos du Preez
Grand Banner Bearer	*	Wor Bro Steynberg de Kock
Grand Steward	*	Wor Bro Johnny Cambanis
Grand Steward	*	Wor Bro Mike Combrink
Grand Steward	*	Wor Bro Carel Meyer

* = *obligated and invested at AGM.*

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

27. FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

27.1 The Grand Master thanked the immediate Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers who had assisted him in the installation ceremony. MW Bro John Smith OSM MSA responded.

27.2 The Grand Master thanked the senior representatives of the visiting Grand Lodges for supporting our annual meeting. The Grand Master was responded to by MW Bro Michael Volkwein (UGL of Germany - Europe), MW

Bro Nortey Omaboe (Ghana – Africa), RW Bro Jeremy Barnes (USA – Americas and World at large) and Chris van Gaalen (UGLE and Home Grand Lodges).

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

28. **FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO ROYAL ARCH.**

The Grand Master welcomed the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, and exchanged appropriate greetings.

29. **FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO AASR.**

The Grand Master welcomed the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree of the Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa, MP Bro Victor Muhlenbeck, and exchanged appropriate greetings.

30. **COLLECTION FOR BENEVOLENCE.**

A collection for benevolence raised the sum of R5,273.00.

31. **CLOSING AND RETIRAL.**

The Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge in the Apprentice degree, after which the Brethren retired from the Temple under the direction of the Grand Master of Ceremony.

Address at the Rededication of LODGE STAR OF THE NORTH NO 64. Saturday 22 FEBRUARY 2025.

RW, VW Wor BB, BB all,

Thank you RW Bro Rex Ingle for that abbreviated history of Lodge Star of the North. Today we turn the page in the history book, to a clean page, and today we start writing a new chapter in the history of this Lodge. We hope that this Chapter will be written over many years to come, by all the members who follow in time.

A few years ago, I (and others) was criticised for compiling a ceremony for the official closure of a Lodge. This originated in the Southern Division, compiled as there were a number of Lodges which were closing. The then Provincial Grand Master and I, compiled the ritual for the closure of a lodge. This was a sad indictment that once flourishing masonic communities were failing and our numbers were dwindling.

The criticism levelled at us was that we should not celebrate the closure of a Lodge. I am aware that some members here today, have witnessed the ceremony and will confirm just how solemn

it is, leaving one feeling like you have lost someone close to your heart, a close relative or member of the family, because in essence that is what it is, a member of our masonic fraternity had passed on.

When this Lodge was placed into recess, it was not possible to conduct this solemn ceremony, so the “closure” of the Lodge went past almost unnoticed. There were Brethren who noticed the closure, not only in the Grand Lodge of South Africa, but also by members of our Sister Constitutions. It was sad to see, as at that time, this town was not shrinking, but was growing and with growth there are countless opportunities. The management of the Lodge at that time did not want to open their thinking to embrace the new and would continue in their old ways wondering why their Lodge was failing.

The aims and objectives of the Grand Lodge of South Africa are crystal clear. How many of us, including myself, know these objectives? We were required to read them at every Board of Management meeting in our Lodges, but did we

listen to them and take ownership of them? I doubt that many did.

We read the Ancient Landmarks at every installation ceremony. How many of us actively listen to these important aspects of our existence, because these landmarks provide us with the foundation on which we are considered a Regular Grand Lodge and can enter into treaties of co-operation with other Grand Lodges who ascribe to these self-same principles.

Yet there are pockets of resistance to change, which leads to circumstances where in cases such as this Lodge, continuing to operate under the old model was unsustainable. We cannot expect to change the outcome if we ourselves do not change the input. We need to be progressive, to understand that the way Freemasonry was practiced some 70 years or more ago, is not how we experience it today. The whole world has undergone a dramatic shift, and we need to move with the times, whilst still adhering to the basic principles of Freemasonry, but practiced in a modern society.

In a short while, towards the end of the installation ceremony which follows, we will sing a hymn. We have all heard it and sung it countless times. I want you all, when we sing this hymn during the ceremony to take to heart the importance of the words it contains.

I will quote the first and last verses only:

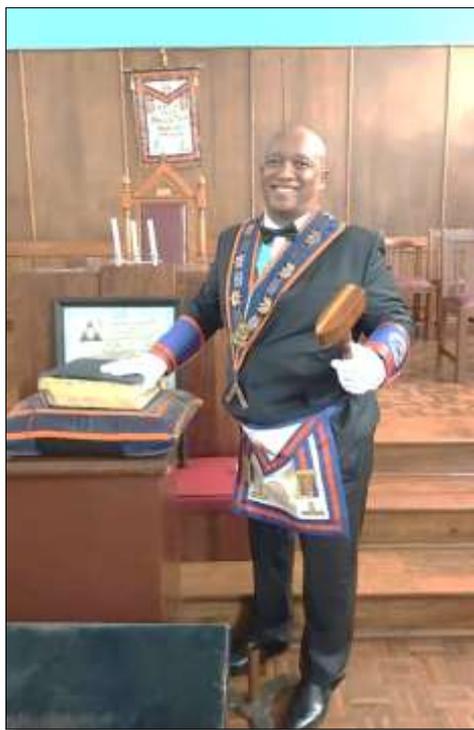
O Lord how joyful 'tis is to see
The Brethren join in love to Thee!
On thee alone their hearts rely
Their only strength thy grace supplies.

Lord shower upon us from above
The sacred gift of mutual love
Each other's wants may we supply
And reign together in the sky.

This hymn is truly fitting as we celebrate the rededication of the Lodge today. After an

absence of some 4 years, we have the opportunity to reestablish the Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Provincial Grand Lodge Northern Division in a town where we can do much good in the greater community of Polokwane.

This is no quick fix to delivering a sustainable Lodge here. The Brethren who have put their hands up to bring this to reality, realise that this is a five to six year project, where members from the local communities will join the lodge and be schooled in the art of our ancient and honourable Order, to become proficient in Freemasonry and prove that they have the skill and knowledge that they will be able to take control of the Lodge themselves and continue building on the foundations laid not only in the past (with its consecration in July 1952) but which are reinforced here today as we rededicate the Lodge to the honour and glory of TGAOTU..



***Wor Bro Max Matjane.
Rededication and Installation
Lodge Star of the North
22 February 2025***

For some members who will be obligated as members of the Lodge later, this is like a returning home to their Mother Lodge. They may no longer be resident in Polokwane, but their hearts lie with the Lodge and what it means to them. They want new Brethren to embrace and live that same experience and be proud of the Lodge. They have put their hands up to see the fortunes of the Lodge flourish.

The work and effort required to bring this to reality does not vest with the Master Elect, but rather with all of us, members of the Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge, to

do whatever we can to ensure their success, but that too is insufficient if the communities which this Lodge will serve do not get involved and support it by joining the Lodge and being part of the change.

On behalf of the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Masters (and I thank RW Bro Johan Britz MSA for being here and participating in this wonderful celebration) and all the Brethren of our Grand Lodge, we wish this Lodge well, may the GAOTU bless this Lodge, its Presiding Master, Officers and Members in all their lawful undertakings.

**MW Bro Godfrey Place
Polokwane.**

Report on the Grand Master's Visit to the Annual Communication of the National Grand Lodge of France.

Introduction.

The Grand Master's visit to the Annual Communication of the National Grand Lodge of France (GLNF) was a significant event that fostered fraternal ties and reinforced the values of Freemasonry, not only with the GLNF, but also with many other European Grand Lodges. This report summarizes the key highlights and outcomes of the visit.

Date and Location.

Date: 5th and 6th December 2026
Location: Paris, France.

Objectives of the Visit.

To enhance relationships between the Grand Lodge and the GLNF.

To promote the values of brotherhood with many of the European Grand Lodges present.

To promote the XXth World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges to be held in Cape Town in May 2026.

To place the Grand Lodge of South Africa on the map of world Freemasonry, through engagement and visibility, building cordial relationships with other Grand Lodges.



Key Highlights.

The Grand Master was met on arrival at the Charles De Gaulle Airport on arrival and a quick transfer to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Etoile, Paris followed.

On Friday 5 December 2025, there was a reception for the heads of delegations with an opportunity to present a gift to the Grand Master of the GLNF, MW Bro Yves Pennes.

This was followed by a dinner for the heads of delegations, where an opportunity to engage with the past Grand Master of the GLNF, MW Bro Jean-Pierre Rollet and his wife, as well as the Grand Master of

Washington MW Bro Eric Kuchner, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland MW Bro Richard Ensor, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, MW Bro Michael Volkwein and numerous others, including Grand Masters from the African continent. A total of sixty-two delegations were represented.



The Annual Communication meeting was held in the Salle Pleyel, was attended by more than 2,000 Brethren from mainland France and the overseas territories present in Paris on 6 December 2025. During the proceedings, the Grand Master, MW Bro Yves Pennes, reaffirmed that “Freemasonry draws its strength from the power of example and from the moral integrity of our actions, through which we may hope to be of service to our Brethren within the Lodge and to inspire, more broadly, our Brethren in Humanity”.

The Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, MW Bro Jonathon Spence, expressed his satisfaction with this “Masonic Entente Cordiale” and was awarded the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the GLNF. As the proceedings were conducted predominantly on French, MW Bro Mathieu Lawson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Benin, responded on behalf of the African Grand Lodges, and invited all to attend the World Conference in Cape Town.



A formal Banquette was held following the Annual Communication, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, which was attended by at least 1000 Freemasons and their partners. A slight variation in the manner of presentation of toasts was noted, where special guests were called on by the Grand Master MW Bro Yves Pennes, “to take wine with him”. A little later in the programme the more formal and traditional toasts were presented, no long winded toasts to or responses from recipients of such toasts were given. The evening ended with the traditional toast to absent friends followed by the Tyler’s Toast.



From Left to right: MW Bro George Biniaris (Grand Master: Grand Lodge of Greece); MW Bro Yves Pennes Grand Master GLNF; MW Bro Godfrey Place (Grand Master GLSA); MW Bro Michale Volkwein (Grand Master United Grand Lodges of Germany); MW Jean Jacques Rauchs Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Luxembourg); MW Bro Charles Medor (Grand Master Grand Lodge of Senegal) and RW Bro Henry Sidney (Assistant Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of the GLNF).



The Grand Master MW Bro Yvess Penn (GLNF) shares a joke with MW Bro Godfrey Place.

Discussion Topics:

XXth World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges: Opportunity to discuss and personally invite those who had not as yet registered was seized. The invitation was expanded to include all members of their Grand Lodges.

Membership Growth: Strategies for attracting new members and retaining existing ones. This was linked to the proposed agenda and topics of the World Conference, emphasising the need for as many participants as possible to attend the Conference.

Education and Training: Importance of Masonic education in enhancing the quality of fellowship. I was proud to advise that we have launched our on-line learning programme, with some Grand lodges expressing interest into how this is managed and rolled out.

Grand Master's Cookie Challenge: An opportunity to discuss the various Grand Lodge charitable initiatives which run over and above individual Lodge of Provincial Grand Lodge projects, was used to indicate how a simple process of collecting biscuits and re packaging these into smaller sized packets and then distributing them to the under privileged in society over the Festive Season impacts on hundreds if not thousands of lives. Many were astounded at the sheer mass of biscuits collected for the 2024 festive season and many wished us luck in achieving the 2025 target

Networking Opportunities: The visit facilitated interactions between members of both Grand Lodges, as well as many other Grand Lodges represented,

such as Japan, China, Belgium, Luxembourg, Greece, Austria, Bolivia, Ecuador, UGLE, Scotland, Ireland, Senegal, Benin, Congo, Gabon, Serbia, and many others.

Outcomes.

Strengthened Relationships: The visit solidified the bond between our Grand Lodge and the GLNF, and other European Grand Lodges.

Invitations to the XXth World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges: These were distributed to as many Brethren as possible, and in some instances their wives/partners, where selling the idea of a trip to the wife/partner brought enthusiasm to be able to visit Cape Town. The results will only be seen in the numbers of registrations received.

Conclusion.

The Grand Master's visit to the Annual Communication of the National Grand Lodge of France was successful. It not only reinforced existing ties but also paved the way for future cooperative efforts in promoting the principles of Freemasonry, and increasing areas of co-operation with Grand Lodges around the world through formalised treaties of recognition.

Acknowledgments.

Special thanks to the members of the GLNF for their hospitality and warm reception, and in particular, RW Bro Gerard Icart, the Grand Chancellor of the GLNF, for his warmth and friendship prior to the event, as well as afterwards.

MW Bro Godfrey Place.

Tretenaire 1995 – 2025. Grande Loge du Bénin.

On 15th, 16th and 17th May 2025, a GLSA delegation, led by RW Bro Rex Ingle, attended a weekend of Masonic events in Cotonou, Benin. Seven GLSA Brethren accompanied RW Bro Ingle. Last year saw the signing of a 'twinning' agreement between Lodge de Goede Hoop No. 1 GLSA in South Africa and that of Lodge Alliance No. 50 GLB in Benin. Part of the 'twinning' agreement is that Lodge Alliance will use South African rituals and work in English, unlike other GLB lodges which work in French using Grand Lodge of Benin rituals.



*Wor Bro Alain Ahouni
and VW Bro Achille Katumbay.*



***RW Bro Jean-Yves Faboumy
Charter Master of Lodge Alliance No. 50 GLB.***



***Some members of the GLSA team at the
Installation of Lodge Alliance.***

The second Installation of Lodge Alliance was held on Thursday 15 May using the GLSA Installation Ritual. The Installing Officer was VW Bro Achille Katumbay who executed a sterling performance. The Past Master was RW Bro Jean-Yves Faboumy and the Master Elect was Wor Bro Alain Ahoumi.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons had their Annual Convocation on Friday afternoon in the RF Michel Ahouanmenou Temple in Cotonou. This was followed by a welcome dinner hosted by the MW Grand Master Mathieu Benjamin Aimé Lawson, for the visiting heads of delegations during which there was the usual presentation of tokens of friendship.

Saturday saw the Grand Loge AGM occurring at the King Solomon Temple in Tokpota, Porto- Nova. This

was followed by a luncheon for the heads of delegations and their wives at the residence of the Very Reverend José Dominique Loko in Porto-Nova.

That evening there was a Gala Dinner for all the visiting Brethren as well as their wives. This was held in a specially erected marque on the lawns of the Esplanade de l' Amazone in Cotonou. Although some delegations departed on Sunday morning, those who did not were treated to another luncheon on Sunday, this time at the residence of Madame Loko in Cotonou.

This year the Grand Loge of Benin celebrated their 30th anniversary and in true Beninese style, the weekend's celebrations were superb

A special congratulatory address from our Grand Master was translated into French and read out by the Grand Master of Ghana as part of his address from the visiting Grand Lodges. Due to other Masonic commitments such as attending the Grand Lodge AGM in Greece, our Grand Master MW Bro Godfrey Place, was unable to join the weekend celebrations in Benin.

“A 30th anniversary signifies a significant milestone, representing a long-lasting bond and shared experiences. It's traditionally known as the “Pearl Anniversary” with pearl symbolizing purity, wisdom and the enduring nature of love that has grown over three decades. A pearl starts growing due to a very small grain of sand which creates an irritation, and over many years develops into a beautiful spectacle, treasured by many.

Three decades ago, your founders laid the cornerstone of this Grand Lodge with faith, foresight, and a deep devotion to the principles of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Their vision has continued to shape and guide Freemasonry in Benin, building not only a Grand Lodge but a legacy – of unity, service, and spiritual light. Your Grand Master, MW Bro Matthieu Lawson, continues with the same energy, promoting the principles which bind all Freemasons around the world together, of truth, morality and Brotherly Love.

As we look forward, may this celebration serve not as a resting place, but as a milestone on a continuing path of light and enlightenment. We must take inspiration from the past, for the present strength,

and for the future hope. On behalf of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, and all the members of our Grand Lodge, we wish you many

more happy and fruitful years of Freemasonry in your Grand Lodge.”



The members of the GLSA contingent with a Brother of the Grand Lodge of Benin and a Brother of the Grand Lodge of France.

ORANGE GROVE HERITAGE and ARCHIVE CENTRE

By RW Bro Rex Ingle OSM

The Orange Grove Heritage Centre has now been established. Its purpose is to store and preserve documents, regalia, ephemera and artifacts from individual Brethren, lodges, as well as Provinces and the Grand Lodge. It also includes other Grand Lodges like the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, Grand East of South Africa and Prince Hall lodges, all of whom have been partially or wholly incorporated into the Grand Lodge of South Africa to make it what it is today.

The definition of heritage can be explained thus: it is the deliberate act of preserving and conserving the cultural heritage, both the tangible and the intangible aspects, from the past as well as from the present, for the use and enjoyment of the future.

It is very pleasing to note that in the past, several Brethren took it upon themselves to store artifacts and records of lodges that closed down, as at the time there was no other place to safely do so. These Brethren did not want the lodges' histories to be lost

and they must be commended for their sterling efforts in preserving these artifacts and the heritage connected to them.

The Heritage Centre in Orange Grove is now in a position to store and preserve these documents and items as well as accept any other items that may become available in the future. Many people believe that jewels are the only items of value, but this is not the case. Aprons, collars and cuffs of Brethren are also valuable. Not in monetary terms but in terms of history. Other items of historic value are the paper records of lodges, for example minute, attendance, and declaration books. The agendas, correspondence, photographs and masters reports can tell so much about a lodge's history. Even a single agenda can verify the lodge's number. The lodges of the Grand East of the Netherlands had one number prior to 1933, a second thereafter and then these lodges were given a third number with the transition to the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa in 1961. A lodge's banner and artifacts such as candlesticks, gavels, swords and Master of Ceremony's staff, especially if they are

inscribed, form part of the lodge's legacy. Nothing is too small or too insignificant as far as the heritage of the lodges and Freemasonry is concerned.

The Heritage Centre now is in a position to act in two ways:

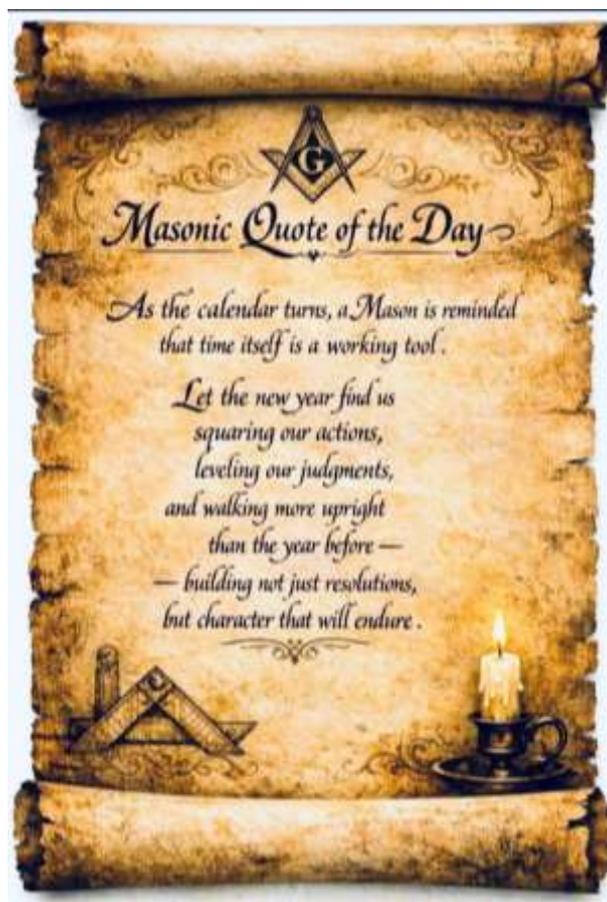
First, that of storing information and items of lodges that have gone into recess as well as that of storing the information (eg. completed and full books) of lodges which are still active. These active lodges will be able to store their historic books and records at the Centre at no cost to themselves and they will be able to access them should they require to do so. They can rest easy in the knowledge that the records are in a safe and secure place.

Second, that of taking responsibility for storing and preserving the heritage and legacies of individual Brethren. There have been times where a Brother has passed to the Eternal East and his widow has either burnt, thrown out or sold his regalia and jewels. This is a tragedy of note. It would be greatly appreciated if, to prevent this type of event occurring in the future, Brethren would bequeath their articles to the Grand Lodge of South Africa to be kept by the Heritage Centre in perpetuity.

It has also happened that a late Brother's articles are handed in to the closest Masonic Centre as the public is not always aware of the existence of different constitutions. In this event, the Orange Grove Heritage Centre will ensure that the articles find their way to the correct Constitution.

It is the duty of all lodges to preserve and store their records and artifacts according to the Grand Lodge of South Africa's constitution Article number 122.6. In most instances the Charters of lodges which have closed have been returned to the Grand Lodge as per article number 102.4 but the balance of their legacy is left lying in numerous places and in varying states of repair and disrepair. ***Article 122.6 It will be incumbent upon the Provincial Grand Master to ensure that proper arrangements have been made by the Lodges concerned for the safe keeping of their records, minute books, banners, regalia, jewels and any movable property for which a complete inventory shall be drawn up.***

Through most of the aforementioned epistle there has been reference to heritage, storing and preserving. Another aspect of the Heritage Centre is to act as an archival facility. Sometime in the future a display of items of interest is envisaged, but for now the sorting prior to cataloguing continues.



Grand Lodge Officers 2025 / 2026

OFFICE	RANK	INITIALS	SURNAME	FORENAME
Grand Master	MW Bro	GS	Place	Godfrey
Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro	FCA	Roodt	Frans
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro	JJ	Britz MSA	Johan
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro	KJ	Hutton OSM	Keith
Assistant Grand Master	RW Bro	S	Nash	Simon
Provincial Grand Master - SD	RW Bro	M	Gessler	Malcolm
Provincial Grand Master – ND	RW Bro	M	Mostert	Marius
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	RW 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
Assistant Grand Secretary	W Bro	L	Bergstredt	Leroyd
Grand Orator	VW Bro	FH	Meiring	Fred
Grand Orator	VW Bro	DJ	Markantonis	Demos
Grand Treasurer	RW Bro	BR	Topham OSM.	Brandon
Assistant Grand Treasurer	RW Bro	R	Gillmer	Riccardo
Grand Master of Ceremonies	VW Bro	L	Van der Linde	Louis
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro	N	Van Vuuren	Nowellyn
Grand Master of Ceremony	VW Bro	A	Katumbay	Achille
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	M	Hiles	Mark
Assistant Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	A	Ndubuisi	Alex
Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro	ML	Britz	Machiel
Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	A	Germishuys	Andre
Grand Ambassador	VW Bro	MJ	Terblanche	Marius
Grand Inspector	Wor Bro	J	Venter	Jan
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	A	Botes	Andre
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	G	Bosch	Gerald
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	J	Weigelt	John
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	W	Steyl	Wikus
Grand Architect	Wor Bro	t	Pieterse	Theoniel
Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	MA	Burchell	Michael
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 Steward	Wor Bro	J	Cambanis	John
Grand Steward	Wor Bro	M	Combrink	Michael
Grand Steward	Wor Bro	C	Meyer	Carel

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RW Bro Topham OSM	BT	Grand Treasurer	treasurer@grandlodge.co.za

Standing Committees 2025/2026.

<p>86.1.1. – Constitutional Regulations and Regalia</p> <p>MW Bro GS Place (Chairman) RW Bro S Nash RW Bro R Gillmer Wor Bro W Steyl Wor Bro H Seltzer</p>	<p>86.1.2. - Ritual</p> <p>RW Bro J Britz, MSA (Chairman) Wor Bro D Benadie RW Bro R Smith Provincial Grand Masters</p>
<p>86.1.5.1 - 2026 World Conference</p> <p>MW Bro G Place (Chairman) MW Bro J Smith, OSM MSA RW Bro F Roodt Wor Bro L Krige As per Conference rules (Sister Grand Lodges) and maybe local working group.</p>	

ADMINISTRATION

<p>Secretarial and Book of Life</p> <p>MW Bro G Edwards, OSM (Grand Secretary) Wor Bro L Bergsteedt (Asst Grand Secretary)</p>	<p>Administration</p> <p>RW Bro R Gillmer Mrs Bernadine Hall M Pardon (Orange Grove) F van Coller</p>
<p>Grand View</p> <p>RW Bro A Jacobson MSA (Technical Liaison)</p>	<p>GL Website and Media and Public Relations</p> <p>RW Bro S Nash (Chairman) Find others RW Bro Cor Van Zyl</p>

PROGRAMMES

<p>Benevolence and Charity Programme – Exposure through Public Relations</p> <p>Provincial Grand Masters Wor Bro C Wilson</p>	<p>Membership Programme Incorporating GM targets</p> <p>RW Bro J Britz MSA (Chairman) RW Bro A Bronner RW Bro F Roodt Provincial Grand Masters Wor Bro W Luck</p>
<p>Mentorship, Education and Ritual Excellence Programme</p> <p>RW Bro S Nash (Chairman) RW Bro F Roodt Provincial Grand Masters Deputy Provincial Grand Masters Assistant Provincial Grand Masters</p>	<p>Heritage Programme</p> <p>RW Bro R Ingle OSM (Chairman) RW Bro B Rossouw OSM Wor Bro J Wolfhardt Bro F De Nysschen (Brother of Talent) Provincial Grand Masters Provincial Grand Secretaries</p>
<p>Balanced Lodge Programme</p> <p>RW Bro F Roodt (Chairman) Provincial Grand Masters</p>	<p>Assistant Provincial Grand Masters Bro G Muller</p>



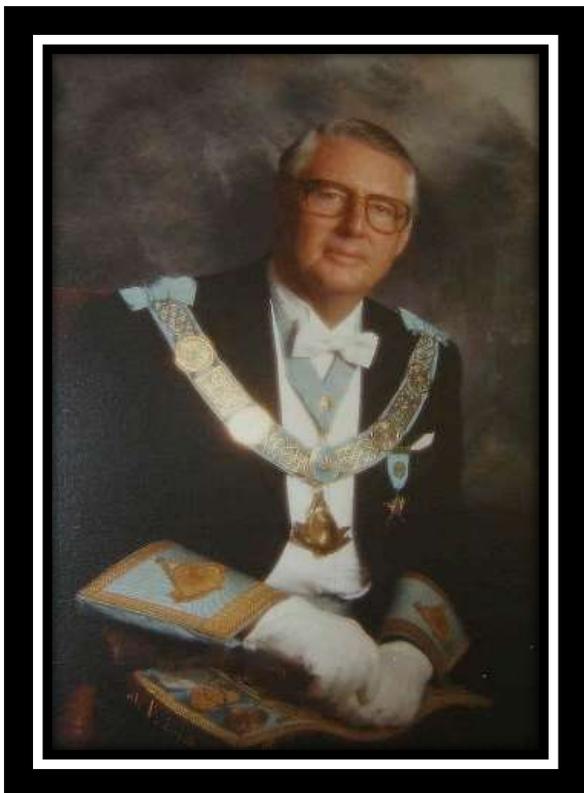
Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.



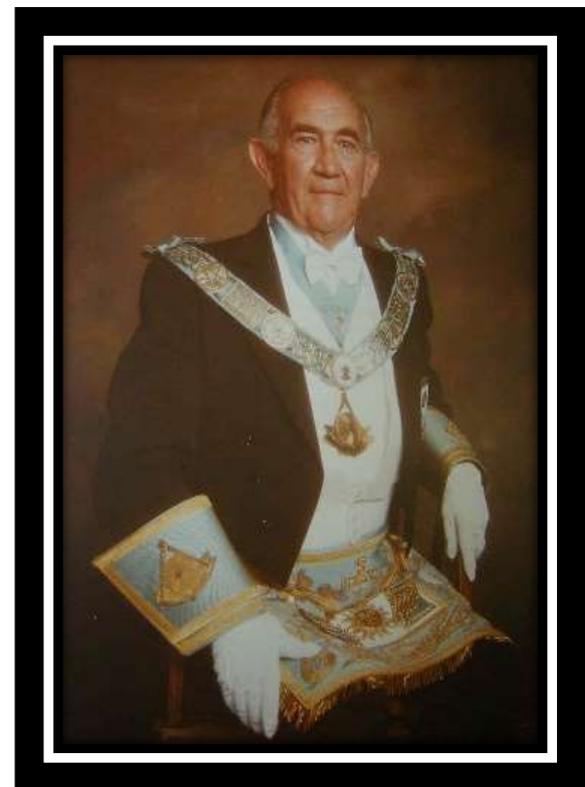
**MW Bor CG Botha
1961 - 1966**



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



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



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



MW Bro RS Bauser OSM
1992 – 1997



MW Bro BG Lindeque OSM
1997 - 2003



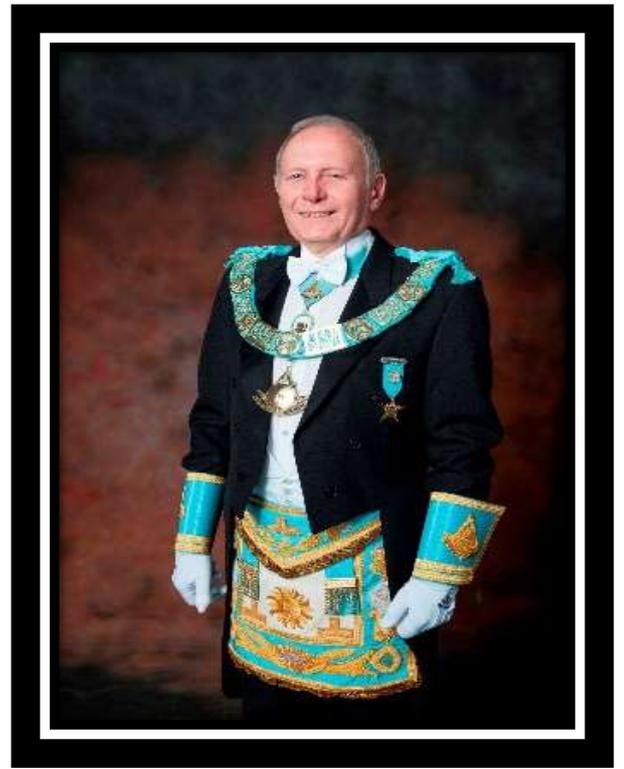
MW Bro JT Bowen OSM
2003 – 2008



MW Bro A Watson OSM
2008 – 2014



**MW Bro GR Edwards OSM
2014 – 2017**



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



**MW Bro JEH Smith OSM, MSA
2020 - 2023**

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

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

	Name of Recipient Ontvanger	Year	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-Guillarmod 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
*	Schuiemaker 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.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika

GRAND LODGE RANK SERVED 2025.

Past Grand Master / Oud Grootmeester							
*	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				

Past Deputy Grand Master / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester							
*	Alexander	AAR	OSM	*	Pepler	H	
*	de Wet	CH		*	Sandler	NS	
	Hardiman	TW			Snyman	WC	
*	Jacot-Guilarmod	MH	OSM	*	Strauss	JJ	
*	Louw	MC	OSM	*	Topham	BR	OSM

Past Assistant Grand Master / Oud Assistant Grootmeester							
*	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				

Past Provincial Grand Master / Oud Provinsiale Grootmeester							
	Appelgryn	FJ		*	Mitchell	SJ	
*	Botha	FJ			Olivier	JHC	
*	Breedt	GC		*	Pretorius	AP	
*	Cullen	JW			Rhodie	AGA	
	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	
	Eyiomen	RY			van Wyk	MC	
	Fourie	LJ		*	van Zyl	C	
*	France	R		*	Vermaak	SCJ	

*	Inggs	CJC		*	Violett	SA	OSM
*	Klopper	B		*	Watkinson	PN	OSM
*	Louw	HA			Worms	LE	
*	Marais	LB					

Past Grand Senior Warden / Oud Groot Eerste Opsier

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

Past Grand Junior Warden / Oud Groot Tweede Opsier

*	Bronkhorst	CW		*	Lacey	EM	
	Calvet	N		*	Lifson	JA	
*	Cutler	G			Lötter	MJ	
*	du Plessis	AB			Newby-Fraser	SK	
*	Gilbert	E		*	Steytler	H du P	
*	Goudie	AM		*	Todd	SCH	
*	Henschel	PA		*	van der Merwe	PJ	
*	Kaplan	P		*	Visser	WJ	
	Kloppers	SP		*	Whittaker	JW	

Past Grand Orator / Oud Groot Redenaar

*	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					

Past Grand Secretary / Oud Groot Sekretaris

	Arthur	AM		*	Kaestner	SP	MSA
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	du Plessis	P		*	van Eeden	PA	
*	Gould	L		*	van Zyl	WJ	
*	Griesbach	RJG		*	Vincent	T	
*	Johnson	BC		*	Vos	WG	

Past Grand Treasurer / Oud Groot Penningmeester

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

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Groot Seremoniemeester

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

Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud Assistant Groot Seremoniemeester

*	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	

Past Grand First Preparator / Oud Groot Eerste Geleier

*	Allan	IR		*	Longhurst	WT	
*	Cross	GH		*	Moroukian	CL	
	Doucas	E			Steyn	JF	
*	Eastham	CT		*	Supra	R	
*	Franken	P			Schreuder	RW	
*	Keane Murphy	IAL					

Past Grand Almoner / Oud Groot Almoesnier

*	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	

Past Grand Ambassador / Oud Groot Ambassadeur

	Bredenkamp	JH		*	Powell	B	
*	Briscoe	WJB			Sher	L	
	Jorritsma	J		*	Smith	JAR	
	Kerk	JRB			Spies	JJ	
*	Labuschagne	PWJ			Van Rooyen	DJ	
*	Posthumus	CJ					

Past Grand Inspector / Oud Groot Inspekteur

	Becker	N		*	Lokker	BJ	
	Busby	A		*	Maroch	A	
	Hardiman	A			van Rooyen	L	
*	Lee	CA					

Past Grand Architect / Oud Groot Boumeester

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

Past Grand Sword Bearer / Oud Groot Swaarddraer

	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					

Past Grand Banner Bearer / Oud Groot Vaandeldraer

*	Breetzke	NE			Norris	CW	
*	Geisler	RA		*	Perkins	JFC	
*	Hobson	GC		*	Rosch	AJ	
*	Joubert	JM		*	Rothman	CR	
*	Levitt	HL		*	Smulowitz	P	

Past Grand Director of Music / Oud Groot Direkteur van Musiek

*	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					

Past Grand Inner Guard / Oud Groot Binnewagte

*	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	

Past Grand Tyler / Oud Groot Buitewag

	Byleveldt	M		*	Prinsloo	MJ Snr	
	Cronje	JP			Smit	HP	
	De Noon	D		*	Wilson	RAB	
*	Kamerman	PA			Verheijen	RE	
*	Pretorius	GJ	OSM				

Past Grand Steward / Oud Groot Hofmeester

*	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	
*	Eschur	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	
	north	HPJ		*	Wilken	EJWJ	
	Israel	M		*	Wolman	IS	
*	Jacobs	WD			Zweigelaar	H	

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Past Grand Master Conferred / Oud Grootmeester							
*	Rose	JG					

Past Deputy Grand Master Conferred / Oud Adjunk Grootmeester							
*	Levin	M	OSM MSA	*	van Niekerk	A	OSM MSA

Past Grand Senior Warden conferred / Oud Groot Eerste Opsier							
*	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	

Past Grand Junior Warden Conferred / Oud Groot Tweede Opsier							
*	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					

Past Grand Orator Conferred / Oud Groot Redenaar

	Arthur	AM		*	Louis	SL	
*	Austin	WA		*	Mitchell	SP	
*	Braude	JH			Potgieter	AD	
*	de Klerk	IZ		*	Pretorius	GJ	OSM
*	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	

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies Conferred / Oud Groot Seremoniemeester

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

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

*	Borrowman	D		*	Shields	SET	
*	Klempner	WHA			Wade	DFW	

Past Grand First Preparator Conferred / Oud Groot Eerste Geleier

*	Annandale	CF		*	van der Merwe	PHG	
*	Powell	BJ		*	van der Merwe	PHG	

Past Grand Almoner Conferred / Oud Groot Almoesnier

	Brenner	B		*	Leary	N	
*	Finnern	H			Mare	FR	

Past Grand Ambassador Conferred / Oud Groot Ambassadeur

*	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					

Past Grand Inspector Conferred / Oud Groot Inspekteur

*	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	

Past Grand Architect Conferred / Oud Groot Boumeester

*	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					

Past Grand Sword Bearer Conferred / Oud Groot Swaarddraer

*	Brecher	BG		*	Joubert	JM	
	Grobler	WJ		*	Vosloo	GS	
*	Gulbranson	H			Walt	A	

Past Grand Banner Bearer Conferred / Oud Groot Vaandeldraer

	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	

Past Grand Inner Guard Conferred / Oud Groot Binnewagte

*	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	M	
*	Kaplan	A		*	Wilson	RAB	

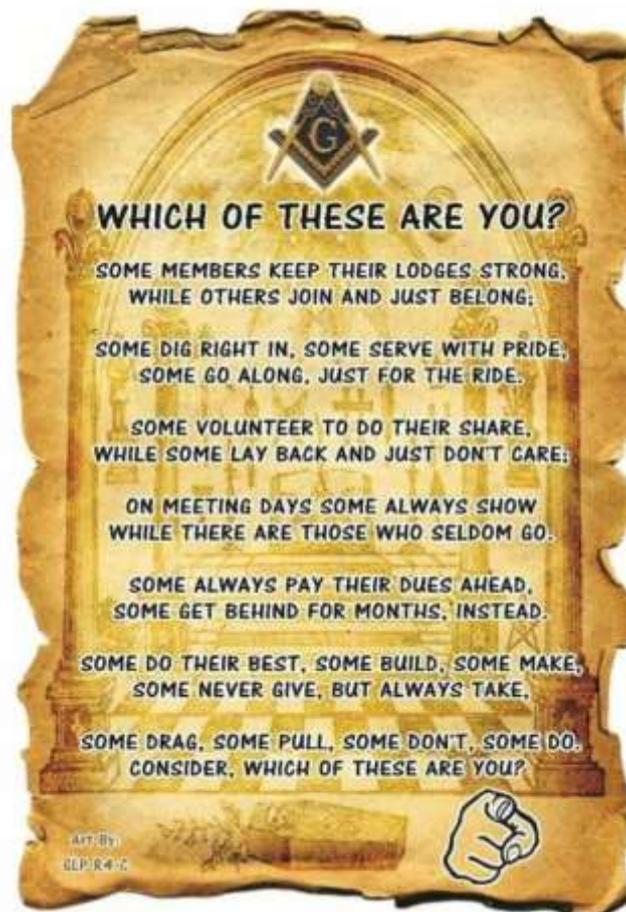
Past Grand Tyler Conferred / Oud Groot Buitewag

*	Gerson	A		*	Schmuck	WN	
	Nayman	A			Slabbert	D	

Past Grand Steward Conferred / Oud Groot Hofmeester

	Archer	HW		*	Metcalfe	M	
	Audie	E			Morony	S	
	Block	M			Nell	BJ	
*	Bosman	IDW			Newton	LCJ	
*	Brits	FBJ			Onyango	D	
*	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		Stadler	S
	Els	F	*	Staub	P
	Erasmus	GM		Strauss	AJ
*	Esterhuizen	WM		van Burick	NL
	Feigel	EM		van der Walt	HP
*	Ferreira	S		van Niekerk	JM
	Gillmer	R		van Rooyen	EA
*	Hollevoet	P		van Rooyen	P
	Insley	FT	*	van Zyl	A
	James	A	*	Veitch	F
	Kerwan	L		Vermaak	T
	Kotze	E		Voigt	D
	le Roux	PJ	*	von Brandis	MF
*	Levitt	CB		Westwood	p
*	Lindeijer	JA		Westwood	WJ
	Lloyd-Jones	L		Wilkin	GJ
	Louw	RNP	*	Williams	DE
*	MacMaster	MG		Williams	ES
*	Mankowitz	S	*	Wright	J
	Marais	FJ	*	Wydeman	HP
	McFarlane	CM	*	Zwart	JN
	McIver	DR			



Sixty-year Masonic Service Jewel.

Recipient / Ontvanger				Lodge / Losie	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

Recipient / Ontvanger				Lodge / Losie	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
*	Meeuwesen	JAS		Jacob de Mist	44
*	Mincer	JJ		L'Agullas	36
*	Minnaar	JJ		Equity	39
*	Mirfin	LH		Westerford	43
*	Mizon	R		Cape Town	138
*	Momberg	CC		The Rising Star	129
*	Moroukian	C		Cape Town	138
	Naude	PJ	MSA/ODV	Trichardt	106
*	Nestadt	M		Star of the East	28
*	Opperman	D		Oranje	7
*	Ostrofski	SC		Star of the East	28
*	Penchartz	M		Unie	4
*	Phillips	HL		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Pistorius	FWT		Die Broederband	17
	Potgeiter	JH		Voortrekker	41
	Pretorius	AJ		de Goede Hoop	1
	Prinsloo	M		Star of the West	56
*	Radcliff	RW		Meerensee	118
*	Rawstorne	EC		Dromedaris	77
*	Reicherberg	AM		Brandfort	33
	Robertson-Cumming	HH		Peace & Harmony	11
*	Rosen	AJ		Equity	39
*	Roux	LK		Marina	25
*	Rubenstein	J		Hiram	105
*	Rudram	N		Star of the Rand	15
	Saddington	C		Marina	25
*	Salem	JEA		Hon PDGM	
	Saunders	AH		Prins Frederik	19
*	Schahmann	IS		Star of the Rand	15

*	Scheinbaum	H		Star of the East	28
*	Schulz	HW		Ossewa	52
*	Shapiro	SH		Eugenia	50
*	Shein	G		Vaalrivier	84
	Sher	L		Star of the East	28
*	Sher	M		Star of the East	28
*	Singer	B		Flaming Star	5
*	Singer	M		Flaming Star	5
*	Smit	CN		Unie	4
*	Smulowitz	P		de Morgenster	9
*	Snadder	DO		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Snyman	W C		Jacob de Mist	44
*	Spies	BDJ		Sonop	63
*	Staal	FB		Royal Protea	55
*	Stein	M		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Stern	HL		Muizenberg	46
*	Steyn	JJ		Frere	13
*	Strydom	SP		Unie	4
*	Sweil	H		de Goede Verwachting	23
*	Taylor	TP		Eugenia	50
*	Tennant	J		Marina	25
*	van den Heever	CM		Harmony	29
	van den Heever	JA		Harmony	29
*	van der Spuy	PAM		de Goede Hoop	1
	van den Heever	JP		AJ Haak	60
*	van der Vyver	V		Alpha	89
*	van Heerden	CG		Iquiniso	92
*	van Niekerk	A	OSM/ODV	de Goede Hoop	1
*	van Rensburg	JJ		Bultfontein	123
	van Rooyen	JH		MW Pretorius	62
*	van Wyk	JL		Trichardt	106
*	Viljoen	NL		Aurora	8
*	Violett	SA	OSM/ODV	Marina	25
	Vosloo	GS		Vereeniging	67
*	Wallach	N		Alpha	89
*	Watkinson	PN	OSM/ODV	Central Free State	35
*	Webb	TV		de Goede Hoop	1
	Willemse	CJ		Aurora	8
*	Wellish	W		Neerlandia	31
*	Williams	DE		Iquiniso	92
*	Willis	PL		Marina	25
	Wood	JL		Marina	25
*	Zaayman	V		Marina	25

Foreign Grand Lodges in amity with the Grand Lodge.

Region	Grand Lodge	Founded
United Kingdom	England	1717
United Kingdom	Ireland	1725
United Kingdom	Scotland	1736
Africa	Benin	1995
Africa	Burkina Faso	1977
Africa	Cameroon	2001
Africa	Congo (Brazzaville)	2000
Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	1989
Africa	Djibouti	2000
Africa	Gabon	1981
Africa	Ghana	2009
Africa	Guinea (Grand Lodge Nationale)	1998
Africa	Liberia	1867
Africa	Madagascar (Grande Loge Nationale)	1996
Africa	Mali (Grande Loge Nationale)	1999
Africa	Mauritius	2005
Africa	Morocco (Regular Gand Lodge)	2000
Africa	Mozambique	2009
Africa	Niger	2001
Africa	Nigeria	2012
Africa	Senegal	1993
Africa	Togo (Grande Loge Nationale)	1992
Asia	China	1949
Asia	India	1961
Asia	Iran (in exile)	1969
Asia	Israel	1953
Asia	Japan	1957
Asia	Lebanon	2018
Asia	Philippines	1912
Asia	Russia (Grand Lodge)	1995
Asia	Turkey	1909
Australasia	New South Wales & ACT	1888
Australasia	New Zealand	1890
Australasia	Queensland	1921
Australasia	S Australia & N Territories	1884
Australasia	Tasmania	1890
Australasia	Victoria	1889
Australasia	Western Australia	1900

Canada	Alberta	1905
Canada	British Columbia & Yukon	1871
Canada	GL Canada - Prov of Ontario	1852
Canada	Manitoba	1875
Canada	New Brunswick	1867
Canada	Newfoundland & Labrador	1997
Canada	Nova Scotia	1866
Canada	Prince Edward Island	1775
Canada	Quebec	1869
Canada	Saskatchewan	1906
Europe	Andora	2000
Europe	Austria	1918
Europe	Belgium (Regular Grand Lodge)	1833
Europe	Bulgaria (United Grand Lodge)	2001
Europe	Croatia	
Europe	Cyprus	2006
Europe	Czech Republic (Grand Lodge)	1923
Europe	Denmark	1743
Europe	Estonia (Grand Lodge)	1999
Europe	Finland	1924
Europe	France (GLNF)	1913
Europe	Georgia (United Grand Lodge)	2018
Europe	Germany (United Grand Lodge)	2002
Europe	Greece	1948
Europe	Greece (National Grand Lodge)	1986
Europe	Hungary (Symbolic Grand Lodge)	1886
Europe	Iceland	1951
Europe	Italy (Grand Orient)	1805
Europe	Lithuania	2002
Europe	Luxemburg	1803
Europe	Malta (Sovereign Grand Lodge)	2004
Europe	Netherlands (Grand East)	1756
Europe	Norway (Norwegian Order of Freemasons)	1891
Europe	Poland (National Grand Lodge)	1781
Europe	Portugal (Legal Regular Grand Lodge)	1991
Europe	Romania (National Grand Lodge)	1993
Europe	San Marino (Most Serene Republic)	2003
Europe	Serbia (Regular Grand Lodge)	1919
Europe	Slovakia	1990
Europe	Spain	1982
Europe	Switzerland (G L Alpina)	1844
Europe	Ukraine	1919
Central America	State of Hildago.(Mexico)	1940
Central America	State of Puebla. (Mexico)	1996

Central America	Costa Rica	1899
Central America	El Salvador (Grand Lodge. Cuscatlan)	1912
Central America	Honduras	1922
Central America	Baja California Sur.(Mexico)	1978
Central America	Mexico (York Grand Lodge.)	1862
Central America	Puerto Rico (Gran Logia Soberana)	1898
South America	Argentina	1857
South America	Belize	2012
South America	Benito Juarez of the State of Coahuila. (Mexico).	1890
South America	Bolivia	1929
South America	Chile	1862
South America	Colombia (at Barranquilla)	1918
South America	Colombia (at Bogota)	1922
South America	Ecuador (GLEDE)	1979
South America	Ecuador (Grand Lodge)	1921
South America	Peru	1882
South America	Union Grand Lodge of Florida and Belize-Prince Hall.	1877
South America	Uruguay	1856
South America	Venezuela	1824
South America. Brazil	Amazonas	1904
South America. Brazil	Brasil. (Grand Orient)	1822
South America. Brazil	Mato Grosso (Estado de)	1972
South America. Brazil	Mato Grosso do Sul (grande Oriente)	1979
South America. Brazil	Minas Gerais (Grande Oriente)	1963
South America. Brazil	Paulista (Grande Oriente)	1981
South America. Brazil	Rio de Janeiro (Grande Oriente)	1974
South America. Brazil	Rio de Janeiro (Grand Lodge, Maconica)	1927
South America. Brazil	Rio Grande de Norte (Grande Oriente)	1996
South America. Brazil	Sao Paulo (Grand Lodge. Maconica)	1927
South America. Brazil	State of Ceara	1928
South America. Brazil	State of Rio Grande do Sul	1928
South America. Brazil	Grand Orient of Santa Catarina	1950
South America. Brazil	Sao Paulo (Grande Oriente)	1921
United States of America	Alabama	1824
United States of America	Alaska	1981
United States of America	Arizona	1882
United States of America	Arkansas	1838
United States of America	California	1850
United States of America	Colorado	1861
United States of America	Connecticut	1789
United States of America	Connecticut - Prince Hall	1873
United States of America	Delaware	1806

United States of America	Florida	1830
United States of America	Georgia	1786
United States of America	Hawaii	1989
United States of America	Idaho	1867
United States of America	Illinois	1840
United States of America	Indiana	1818
United States of America	Iowa	1844
United States of America	Kansas	1856
United States of America	Kentucky	1800
United States of America	Louisiana	1812
United States of America	Maine	1820
United States of America	Maryland	1787
United States of America	Massachusetts	1733
United States of America	Massachusetts - Prince Hall	1793
United States of America	Michigan	1826
United States of America	Minnesota	1853
United States of America	Mississippi	1818
United States of America	Missouri	1821
United States of America	Montana	1866
United States of America	Nebraska	1857
United States of America	Nevada	1865
United States of America	New Hampshire	1789
United States of America	New Jersey	1786
United States of America	New Mexico	1781
United States of America	New York	1781
United States of America	North Carolina	1787
United States of America	North Dakota	1889
United States of America	Ohio	1808
United States of America	Oklahoma	1874
United States of America	Oregon	1851
United States of America	Pennsylvania	1731
United States of America	Rhode Island & Providence	1791
United States of America	South Carolina	1737
United States of America	South Dakota	1875
United States of America	Tennessee	1813
United States of America	Texas	1837
United States of America	Utah	1872
United States of America	Vermont	1794
United States of America	Virginia	1778
United States of America	Washington	1778
United States of America	Washington (DC)	1811
United States of America	West Virginia	1865
United States of America	Wisconsin	1843
United States of America	Wyoming	1874

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Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling 2024 / 2025.

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RW Bro / SVBr M Gessler.

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Wor Bro / Agb Br F Begot.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester.



**Wor Bro / Agb Br
SB Stuart.**



**Wor Bro / Agb Br
AJ van Dijk.**



**Wor Bro / Agb Br
MF Petronio.**

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master. Masonic year 2024 / 2025. Southern Division.

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

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to this Annual General Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge Southern Division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

The Provincial Grand Lodge went through a change this year, and I was tasked by the Grand Master to assume the duties of the Acting Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division. I am now requested to report to you on what the progress of the Southern Division, over the approximate 12 weeks, since my appointment as the Acting Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division, of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

On my appointment, I actively discussed with many brethren about their hopes of the future of the Southern Division, and I can report that there is enthusiasm for a progressive and energetic unity to manage the Southern Division, to take it into the future, with sustainability and growth.

While acting in the position, it has also appeared that we have numerous applicants to join the Southern Division and that a fine tuning and follow up contact with the applicants may achieve many results, and energise the growth of the Southern Division. I have held discussions with the Masters of the various lodges and it is abundantly clear, that they have a genuine desire to see their lodges grow and prosper and are prepared to develop sustainable plans to ensure the continued existence and growth of their lodges.

Over the period, we held installations for Lodge Westerford, Lodge De Goede Trouw and Lodge Goede Verwachting, all the Masters of which shared their growth and enthusiasm for their respective lodges.

A Spring Ball committee was established some eight weeks before the date set for the Spring

Ball and I can only commend those in the Spring Ball team for their enthusiasm and commitment to making it a happening event and a success, from early morning Saturday meetings, to running around and dedicating time and effort to ensure that all the elements required to make it a success were present.

The Southern Division continues its support of Wor Bro Gary Hendricks and Bro Dennis Knights in their endeavours to manage and maintain a soup kitchen which feeds over 350 people or more in Mitchells Plain weekly. Lodge Westerford held their successful Christmas in July 2025 in support of the Masonic Homes and it was a great success and an initiative that must be kept going and supported.

I had the pleasure of proposing Luke Ambrosini, the son of the Late Mario Ambrosini, a member of Lodge De Goede Hoop and MP, to become a member of Lodge De Goede Hoop. What stood out for me and reminded me about how our Order should be regarded, was Luke's utter admiration and esteem with which he viewed our Order and its members, an image we should strive to meet and maintain.

The Masonic Education Fund is supported and the De Goede Hoop movie club has been maintaining its Friday night movies, which are enjoyed by all who attend. Michael Burchell in our division, continues his hard work in overseeing the homes. Some of our BB who have moved overseas for work, have donated their assets in support of the homes.

We value our relationships with our sister constitutions and shall continue to strive not only to maintain these but to growth them as well. This maintains the unity that should exist in Freemasonry.

MW Grand Master, this year the Brethren have united to make the Provincial Grand Lodge Southern Division, a unified division, with each member having a vested interest in making the

Division sustainable and a brand of excellence, pride, and progress. It will be a challenging year ahead, but I have full confidence in our brethren to make it a success.

Lastly, to all of those in the Southern Division and those supporting the Spring Ball, our Division and the residents of the Masonic Homes thank you most sincerely for your support, donations, and sponsorships. As it is said, Ubuntu, I am because you are, a time to

ensure those in our community can enjoy life, as we do.

Thank you to all our visitors and sharing the AGM and Spring Ball with us, may the TGAOTU, bless you, keep you and give you much success.

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**RW Bro Malcolm Gessler.
Provincial Grand Master.
Southern Division.**



**Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Grootlosie Ampsdraers
2025 / 2026**

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Malcolm Gessler
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Frank Begot
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Sean Stuart
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Anthony van Dijk
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Marco Petronio
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Johann Spotta
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Tony Monzoto
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Louis Krige
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	John Benadie
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Llewellyn Lloyd-Jones
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Anthony van Dijk
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Jonathan Curtis
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Jacobus Wilson
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Gary Hendricks
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Alfred van der Westhuizen
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Duwayne Brown
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Quewin Keyser
Provincial Grand Tyler	Wor Bro	Jesse Bossenge-Nkoy
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Dennis Knight
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Kelvin Irvine
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Cyril Engelke

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2025

Lodge Name	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 Gorralla	1st	Mon	October
Hiram	108	1971	Phiroze Gorralla	3rd	Tue	October
Perseverance	126	1977	Phiroze Gorralla	3rd	Mon	November

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de Goede Hoop	degoedehoop@grandlodge.co.za
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de Goede Verwachting	degoedeverwachting@grandlodge.co.za
Marina	marina@grandlodge.co.za
Westerford	westerford@grandlodge.co.za
Jacob de Mist	jacobdemist@grandlodge.co.za
Hiram	hiram@grandlodge.co.za
Perseverance	perseverance@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge name	Master	Secretary
De Goede Hoop	Wor Bro TB Monzoto	MW Bro G R Edwards OSM
De Goede Trouw	Wor Bro AJ van der Westhuizen	Bro A Lucas
De Goede Verwachting	Wor Bro D Brown	Wor Bro D Brown
Marina	Wor Bro JM Curtis	Bro KF Irvine
Westerford	Wor Bro Q Keyser	Wor Bro SB Stuart
Jacob De Mist	Wor Bro CW Burger	VW Bro LB van der Linde
Hiram	Vacant	Bro T Kakesse
Perseverance	Wor Bro GA Hendricks	Wor Bro LC Krige



*Lodge Perseverance
No 126*



*Lodge
Westerford
No 43.*



**Lodge de
Goede Hoop
No 1.**

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika.

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Wor Bro /Agb Br JG Fouche.



Wor Bro /Agb Br M Matjane.



Wor Bro /Agb Br WC Luck.

Annual report of the outgoing Provincial Grand Master.

RW Bro S Nash.

Masonic year 2024/2025. Northern Division.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Godfrey Stuart Place, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Geoff Edwards OSM, John Smith OSM MSA, the Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and 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 2024/2025 year and my final report for my three year term as Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division.

In preparing for today, I found the following quote regarding completion of work (which is attributed in Ecclesiastes to no less than King Solomon himself) The quote is as follows: "I hated all my work that I laboured at under the sun because I must leave it to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool?"

Reading this quote made me realise how blessed I am, not only did I not hate my work in the last three years, to the contrary I loved most of it, but I am also fortunate to have a very worthy successor who I know is by no means a fool, and who will undoubtedly build successfully on the foundations we have laid together.

A report such as this has the potential to be overwhelming in its content, and I am not well known for writing succinctly, so I am going to do my best to focus only on the important issues.

As you are all aware, there has been a lot of turmoil since Covid impacted our lives and our Order. The resultant financial pressures and habit of no longer attending Lodge affected all of Freemasonry.

Fortunately, the membership losses we experienced in 2022 and 2023, due to exclusions and non-payment of fees are long behind us, last year we showed a net growth of 4 and so far this year a further net growth of 32! I am sure that you will all agree this is a

particularly positive note to close this Masonic term on. The Northern Division has in fact grown by a net 25 members since my installation as Provincial Grand Master in 2022, so not only have we reversed the negative trends, but we have also caught up those losses and shown a net growth.

Bear in mind that in 2023 alone we lost 56 members! But we prevailed! I say we brethren, because no man is an island, and I can certainly not claim the credit for this growth without giving due praise to the many brethren who played a significant role in achieving it. In this regard I must thank and congratulate my Deputy, VW Bro Marius Mostert, VW Bro Achille Katumbay, Wor Bros Willie Luck, Gerald Bosch, Wikus Steyl, Maxwell Matjane and Alex Ndubuisi who all served as commissioned officers during my term, every Provincial Grand Lodge Officer, every Presiding Master, Lodge Officer and member of the Division for their support and commitment to meet the ambitious goals we set. Without your efforts this growth would not have been possible.

The lacklustre and despondent attitudes I referred to in my report last year seem to have been defeated by the sense of duty our Brethren have displayed, and the strategy of allowing the Lodges to develop their own growth objectives using only a template provided by Provincial Grand Lodge appears to have been sound, not only in its nature, but also effective in its execution, long may this trend continue.

Financially, we have been able to maintain a very low level of increases in Provincial Capitation fees and yet retain a sound balance sheet. In this regard my successor and his team will need to remain vigilant as I cautioned last year, the financial pressures on our Brethren remain substantial and capitation fees need to be contained if not reduced.

During the past three years there are a number of endeavours that proved successful. In

addition to the growth strategy, the satisfaction surveys, masonic self-development program and quality of installation rituals can all in my view be described as successes. On the other hand, I cannot help but feel that we could have done more on education, mentorship and ritual excellence, that our charity outside of the Grand Master's cookie challenge could have been more meaningful, and, in some lodges, our social engagements should have been a greater part of the focus.

Having said that, I am pleased to announce that the Provincial Grand Lodge Northern Division has donated the princely sum of R135 000 to the Masonic Haven as a contribution towards the tovertafel which will be used for the benefit of Alzheimer's patients, this money having been raised at last year's very successful Burns night banquet after the AGM.

Sadly, we once again lost two Brethren who passed to the Eternal East this past year. We will pay our respects to them during the AGM in the traditional fashion.

Personally, the launch of the Grand Lodge e-learning platform, *grow.safreemason*, is one of the most gratifying achievements of my masonic career. I believe one of our greatest shortcomings as an order is our failure to deliver on our promise of "making good men better". In reality this promise should be that we give good men the tools to make themselves better men, after all no man has the capacity to determine the behaviour of another man other than by his attempts to influence them. However, I feel we do not do enough in this regard and if we continue to fail to deliver on our promise, what place does Freemasonry have in this world of instant gratification? I submit none Brethren.

For that reason, the e-learning platform is a major step forward in our endeavours to deliver those tools to enable good men to make themselves better men. I must admit that I could not have achieved the development and launch of this e-learning platform without the dedicated support of my wife Jané, who somehow found time in her incredibly busy schedule to build the framework of the platform and correct the errors made by her sometimes technologically challenged husband, never

once complaining in the process, although I suspect she may have mumbled under her breath once or twice. Jané, we all owe you a debt of gratitude.

I am also grateful that the Grand Master has seen fit to allow me to continue to labour at providing a suitable platform to deliver our message and tools and look forward to my future role continuing to develop and populate the e-learning platform and educational material.

Given the positive picture painted in this report, why leave now you may ask? The health challenges I face are of such a nature that they bring into question my ability to maintain the pace needed to lead this Division to the greater heights it is capable of. Being fortunate to have a worthy successor in the wings it would have been reckless of me to selfishly continue. I therefore did the sensible thing. Having dedicated so much of my time to the role of Provincial Grand Master these past three years, and before that to the various other offices I have held in the Provincial Grand Lodge, there is little doubt that I will miss the Brethren I have laboured so closely with during that time.

Rest assured that I shall watch carefully from the columns, and occasionally from the east and quietly cheer you on in your ongoing endeavours to make the world a better place.

I firmly believe that our Grand Lodge can only be as effective and successful as our Provincial Grand Lodges are, and similarly, our Provincial Grand Lodges cannot hope to succeed if the Lodges they facilitate are not themselves successful. We forget that we are in the servant leadership business at our peril and, if I may quote Simon Sinek, leaders should always eat last. That way, the people they lead will have the necessary strength to succeed at their labours.

I said last year that Freemasonry is, and should remain, a rewarding, meaningful and fun activity for our members. Always remember that our Brethren are all volunteers who pay good money for the privilege of volunteering! Not only do we owe it to them to deliver on our promise of giving them the tools to make themselves better men, but we should also do

everything we can to make their journey and membership enjoyable as well as rewarding if we expect to retain their support and membership. I encourage the Grand Master to continue his regular engagements with the Provincial Grand Masters to ensure that these needs are addressed.

I would not like to create the impression that everything in the Northern Division has been perfect this past three years, they have not, but in the overall scheme of the Great Architect of the Universe, we have improved as an organisation and created a sound base for future improvement.

In addition to the thanks I have already delivered in this report, it would be wrong for me not to offer thanks as follows.

To the winners of the various awards which will be made at the AGM, without mentioning your names because this report will be distributed beforehand. Once again please 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 the senior members of the Grand Lodge within the division, thank you once again for your unselfish support in all our endeavours.

To the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, thank you for your trust and support and for

believing in me, I look forward to continuing to labour with you in my new role.

To my fellow Provincial Grand Masters in the Sister Divisions, I am going to miss being part of the PGM team, but trust that I will still be able to enjoy your friendship and fellowship.

To the Heads of our Sister Constitutions, again, I will miss the opportunity to labour with you as Provincial Grand Master but look forward to a continued positive relationship and common sense of purpose.

To my wife Jané. In addition to always finding time to assist me with my technology challenges, you have been a constant source of love and support, words can never be enough to thank you.

To my successor, VW Bro Marius Mostert. I have watched with interest how you have grown as a Mason and a man and am confident that you will not only fill the shoes I leave as Provincial Grand Master as you put it, you will in fact take this Division to great heights and be an integral part of delivering the promise we make to our members. I am here to assist in any way you need and look forward to watching your success.

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**RW Bro S Nash.
Provincial Grand Master.
Northern Division.**

Address of the incoming Provincial Grand Master.

RW Bro M Mostert.

Masonic year 2025 - Northern Division.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Stuart Place; MW Past Grand Masters John Ewald Henry Smit OSM, MSA; David James Duncan OSM and Geoffry Robert Edwards OSM and Distinguished Brethren of the Grand Lodge, our Sister Constitutions and Divisions; RW, VW, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren all.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "*Masonic labour is purely a labour of love...*" and I have never understood the full weight of that truth until these recent months leading up to today's milestone in my Masonic journey.

It is with deep humility and profound gratitude that I stand before you as the newly installed Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division.

Let me begin by paying tribute to the man who has walked closely beside me, guided me, and shaped my understanding of Masonic leadership — RW Bro Johan Brits (MSA). Your unwavering guidance, your wisdom in quiet moments, and your steadfast belief in me has made all the difference. It is said that true leaders create other leaders. Thank you for being exactly that kind of leader to me.

I will do my utmost to honour your example and continue the legacy of service and excellence you upheld.

To the Past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Simon Nash, thank you for your guidance, your trust, and for always believing in my potential, even in moments when I doubted it myself. There were times you pushed me beyond what I thought were my limits, and somehow, you knew I would succeed before I did. For that quiet confidence and unwavering support, I am deeply grateful.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I accept it with a heart full of respect, and a steadfast commitment to uphold the values of our Order in everything I do.

To the Great Architect of the Universe, who has guided me thus far, I offer my thanks, and my continued willingness to labour where I am needed most.

Today's inaugural address is not about lofty speeches but about practical purpose. It is my intention to share with you the vision and plan we will pursue as a Division over the next three years, a path not only inspired by tradition but made urgent by the needs of today's Freemasons.

A Vision for Our Division.

Our guiding motto is simple:

“Provincial Grand Lodge Northern Division – Where Freemasons want to be.”

We aim to build a Division where:

Brethren feel *valued and inspired*.

Participation is encouraged, *expected and rewarded*.

Leadership is *earned* through action, not entitlement.

And most importantly, where *good men become better*.

To make this a reality, I've outlined several focus areas:

1. Leadership Through Participation.

We are addressing the challenge of non-participation head-on. Our officer appointments reflect this commitment, recognizing those who have shown real involvement and gently releasing those who have not. We are also

identifying and mentoring new leaders to ensure our future is secure.

2. Growth and Retention.

We will grow our membership strategically, not simply to increase numbers, but to extend our relevance and influence. Growth in the Lodges will be supported by:

–Member retention initiatives.

–A clear onboarding and mentoring program.

–Social media and online engagement to reach new prospects.

3. Strategic Use of Digital Tools.

We will embrace the tools of our time. An e-learning platform tailored to GLSA will strengthen our educational mission. Technology will not replace tradition, it will amplify it.

4. Education and Communication.

Masonic education will be emphasized, not just formally, but in every interaction. Communication will be clear, respectful, and two-way. Brethren must feel heard and informed.

5. Recognition and Delegation.

As your Provincial Grand Master, I will lead by *delegating effectively and recognizing contributions*. No one should feel like a number. Everyone should feel they belong.

Looking Ahead Together.

We are a Division that builds on solid foundations. I am grateful to RW Bro Simon Nash for the example he has set. As I take up the mantle, I know we do not need a clean sweep, only a deeper, more coordinated effort by every Brother to play their part.

To the newly appointed team, you are the custodians of this plan. Thank you for your willingness to serve. I know the weight of your chains, and the honour that comes with them. Together, we will drive this vision forward.

To all the Brethren of the Northern Division, I promise to lead with purpose, fairness, and

transparency. And I invite you to walk this road with me, not as followers, but as collaborators.

Let us remember, as Albert Pike so beautifully said, *“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”*

Let us labour not for ourselves, but for each other, and for the generations to come.

Let us lead with light, and serve with purpose. Let us build the Northern Division that others aspire to become

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RW Bro M Mostert.
Provincial Grand Master.
Northern Division.**



Presentation of the “letters Patent.”



Wor Bro J Fouche DPGM



Presentation of the Banner by RW Bro S Nash.

**Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Grootlosie Ampsdraers.
2025 / 2026.**

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Marius Mostert
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Jacques Fouche
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Maxwell Matjane
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Willie Luck
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Stefan Stadler
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Donald Onyango
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Michiel Victor
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Allen Tshabangu
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Darrin Dicks
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Kelvin Aku
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Allen Tshabangu
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Jeannot Boussougouth
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Dean Liversage
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Wesley van Dyk
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Leroyd Bergsteedt
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Dean Liversage
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Oladapo Adepoju
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Joseph Ngafoua
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Joseph Ngafoua
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Derian Echeverri-Molina
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Charl Palm
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Sunday Ogunronbi
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Jeannot Boussougouth
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Fred Moturi
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Douglas Sansom
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	Maxwell Matjane

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2025.

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Orange	12	1876	Rustenburg	3rd	Thu	April	Sat
Star of the Rand	15	1889	Johannesburg	3rd	Tue	March	
Libertas	16	1891	Krugersdorp	4th	Wed	June	Sat
De Broederband	17	1891	Pretoria	3rd	Wed	February	
Prins Frederik	19	1894	Johannesburg	4th	Tue	June	
Star of the East	28	1920	CERT	1st	Wed	May	
Star of the West	56	1948	Klerksdorp	4th	Tue	April	Sat
Albert J Haak	60	1951	Roodepoort	2nd	Tue	November	
MW Pretorius	62	1951	Carletonville	3rd	Wed	October	Sat
Star of the North	64	1952	Polokwane	4th	Sat		
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	Sat
Brits	110	1972	Brits	2nd	Thu	September	Sat
Flaming Star	139	1962	Orange Grove	2nd	Mon	May	

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Orange	orange@grandlodge.co.za
Star of the Rand	staroftherand@grandlodge.co.za
Libertas	libertas@grandlodge.co.za
De Broederband	debroederband@grandlodge.co.za
Prins Frederik	prinsfrederik@grandlodge.co.za
Star of the East	staroftheeast@grandlodge.co.za
Star of the West	starofthewest@grandlodge.co.za
Albert J Haak	albertjhaak@grandlodge.co.za
MW Pretorius	mwpretorius@grandlodge.co.za
Star of the North	vestarofthenorth@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
Flaming Star	flamingstar@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Orange	Wor Bro S Stadler	Bro EJ Palmer
Star of the Rand	Wor Bro L Bergsteedt	Bro B Clarke
Libertas	Wor Bro D Kotze	RW Bro M Mostert
De Broederband	Wor Bro D Liversage	Bro JC Jansen
Prins Frederik	Wor Bro JH Weigelt	RW Bro R Coenen
Star of the East	RW Bro RSO Ingle OSM	Bro SJ de Nysschen
Star of the West	Wor Bro DS Sansom	Bro S Henderson
Albert J Haak	Wor Bro JH Roets	RW Bro M Mostert
MW Pretorius	Wor Bro WJ van Dyk	Bro A de Beer
Star of the North	Wor Bro M Matjane	Wor Bro SO Ogunronbi
President Burgers	Wor Bro W Brumskine	Wor Bro O Adepoju
Golden City	Wor Bro JR Berger	Wor Bro V Gautam
Koh-I-Noor	Wor Bro R Uys	Wor Bro D Echeverri-Molina
Alpha	Wor Bro FS Moturi	Wor Bro SO Ogunronbi
Friendship	Wor Bro J Boussougouth	Wor Bro I Huntly
Trichardt	Wor Bro JAJ Blaauw	Bro HM Roarty
Brits	Wor Bro CW Pienaar	Wor Bro E Albasini
Flaming Star	Wor Bro CW Kasongo	Bro BC Nkuna

Installation of Lodge Brits.

On 14 September, Brother Charl Pienaar was installed as the Worshipful Master at Lodge Brits by Installing Officer Jaques Fouché of Provincial Grand Lodge, Northern Division.

The ceremony was dignified and memorable, graced by the presence of Grand Lodge and Provincial Officers, with a total attendance of 28

brethren. The afternoon concluded with a splendid festive meal, where brethren shared true brotherly love and fellowship, celebrating the unity and strength of the Lodge as it embarks on a new Masonic year.

Wor Bro D Sansom.

*Lodge Brits
No 110.*



Installation of Lodge Star of the West.

The Brethren of Lodge Star of the West No. 56 gathered at the Klerksdorp Masonic Centre for their September 2025 ceremonial meeting. The Lodge was opened in due form in the First Degree by the Worshipful Master, Agb. Br. Douglas Marius Sansom.

The highlight of the evening was the initiation of Mr. Morné Immelman of Potchefstroom, who was solemnly admitted as an Entered Apprentice Freemason. The ceremony was conducted with

great dignity, reminding all present of the timeless lessons of Light, Integrity, and Brotherhood.

A collection for Benevolence was taken, reinforcing the Lodge's commitment to charity and relief. The evening closed with harmony, and the Brethren retired from Labour to Refreshment with renewed fraternal spirit.

Wor Bro D Sansom.



*Lodge Star of the
West No 56.*



Lodge Prins Fredrik No 19



Losie Libertas No 16



Lodge Golden City No 75. Installation.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika.

Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling 2024 / 2025.

Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester.



SV Br / RW Bro M Kock.

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

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester.



Agb Br / Wor Bro F Dauth.

**Provinsiale Grootmeester se Jaarsverslag.
Sentrale Afdeling 2024/2025.**

Ledetal:

Die afgelope jaar was ons as afdeling in 'n bevoorregte posisie om te kon groei in ledetal. Ons huidige ledetal van 88 lede is verdeel tussen nege losies wat versprei is oor die lengte en breedte van die Vrystaat. 'n Mikpunt van drie nuwe lede per losie was gestel en dis lekker om terug te rapporteer dat meeste van die losies hul doelwit bereik het of verskeie kanidate geidentifiseer het. Ek is steeds van mening dat ons afdeling 'n minimum van 105 lede moet hé om volhoubaar te kan wees. Ons is dus 17 lede vanaf ons doelwit en het 'n mikpunt vir 2025 om te groei met 20 lede. Met die volharding, positiwiteit en entoesiasme van ons lede is hierdie syfer nie onbereikbaar nie. Ons het egter harde werk wat voor.

Losies:

Tans is losie De Morgenster in "limbo" en hou vergaderings in Losie CFS se gebou te Welkom. Ons is hard opsoek na 'n geskikte gebou om hierdie potensiele sterk losie weer aktief en tot hul vorige glorie te bou. Kroonstad is die tweede grootste stad in die Sentrale afdeling en hou baie potensiaal in. Die ander losies is stabiel en funksioneel en stadig besig om te groei. Die lede ry lang afstande af om vergaderings by te woon en ons filosofie om broederskap uit te leef en waarde toe te voeg by ons maandelikse vergaderings werp vrugte af om meer gaste te inspireer en potensiele lede te lok. Hierdie komende jaar gaan ons nog meer op hierdie punte fokus.

Finansies:

Ons finansies is onder druk maar stabiel, ons gesukkel met "instant accounting", toegang tot die rekening en ons onkunde om hierdie hulpmiddels te verstaan, het veroorsaak dat fakture nie tydig, en soms glad nie aan lede uitgestuur is nie, en in baie gevalle nie opgevolg is nie. Stadig maar seker is ons besig om hierdie olifant onder die knie te kry. Ek is van mening dat ons sisteme en algemene finansiële toestand volgende jaar met rasse skrede sal verbeter. Vrymesselary / Broederskap: Dit voel asof ons net admin en finansiële sake na-jaag en die essensie van vrymesselary mis. Elke losie was getaak om die afgelope jaar 'n spesifieke uitreikings projek te loods in hul onderskeie gebiede. Dit het baie positiewe gevolge gehad met verskeie potensiele kanidate wat gelok is. Stadig maar seker is die verskillende losies besig om te ontwaak. Hierdie is van kardinale belang vir stabiele groei en aktiewe positiewe bemarking.

Graag wil ek my dank betuig aan my mede PGM's en hul besture, van die susters afdelings vir raad, hulp en selfs lede wat jul aan my, en my span, betoon het. Aan die Grootmeester en sy span, dankie vir jul leiding en ondersteuning wat jul aan ons bied. Die feit dat ons 'n Grootmeester het, wat altyd toeganklik is en bereid is, om te luister en ons van raad te bedien is 'n voorreg en ongekend. Baie Dankie H.E. Aan my prov. span wat altyd net daar is om te help en die werk ligter te maak, julle is ware staatmakers.... lang paaie saam met julle verander in onvergeetlike oomblikke.... Sonder ondersteuning en liefde in 'n huis kan niemand funksioneer nie, Dawie dankie vir jou geduld, liefde en ondersteuning. Grote God en Vader, dankie vir die genade en vergunning wat U aan ons bied om op hierdie wyse ons liefde in U en ons mede mens te kan uitleef. Dit is voorwaar 'n voorreg en eer!

**SV Br Ma de Kock.
PGM, Sentral Afdeling.**



**Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Grootlosie Ampsdraers .
2025 / 2026.**

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Marcel de Kock
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Francois Dauth
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Theoniel Pieterse
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Machiel Combrink
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Hendrik Slabbert
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Carel Meyer
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Donovan Le Roux
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Johan Wolfaardt
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Andries Prinsloo
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Douglas Sansom
Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Francois Dauth
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Barend Esterhuizen
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Gerhard Coetzee
Assistant Provincial Grand Treasurer	Wor Bro	Stephan Henderson
Provincial Grand Almoner	Wor Bro	Pieter Kruger
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Frederik Els
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Marco van der Merwe
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Stephan Venter
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Barend Cloete
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Victor Kumm

Lodge Officers / Losie Ampsdraers as at December 2025.

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

Lodge	E-Mail
Unie	unie@grandlodge.co.za
De Morgenster	demorgenster@grandlodge.co.za
Peace & Harmony	peaceandharmony@grandlodge.co.za
Diamond	diamond@grandlodge.co.za
Senekal	senekal@grandlodge.co.za
Parys	parys@grandlodge.co.za
Central Free State	centralfreestate@grandlodge.co.za
Dagbreek	dagbreek@grandlodge.co.za
Magersfontein	magersfontein@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Unie	Wor Bro HS Caalsen	Wor Bro R Croukamp
De Morgenster	Wor Bro JP Kriel	Bro LP van Rooyen
Peace & Harmony	Wor Bro BJ Esterhuizen	Wor Bro MJ Combrink
Diamond	Vacant	RW Bro FJ Appelgryn
Senekal	Wor Bro F Human	Bro T Burger
Parys	Wor Bro J Wolfaardt	Wor Bro DW le Roux
Central Free State	Wor Bro Abatzoglou	Bro PJ Jansen van Vuuren
Dagbreek	Wor Bro PB Kruger	RW Bro FJ Appelgryn
Magersfontein	Wor Bro JC Cambanis	Wor Bro F Dauth

LODGE PEACE AND HARMONY CELEBRATES THEIR SESQUICENTENARY

By RW Bro Rex Ingle OSM - Grand Senior Warden

Lodge Peace and Harmony came into existence in 1873 with the assistance of Cosmopolitan Lodge EC. which had opened in June the previous year. This meant that Lodge Peace and Harmony was the second Masonic Lodge to open on the Kimberley diamond fields. The colours were light blue and silver and the language to be used was to be English, but Dutch could be used if specifically requested by a candidate. March 1875 saw Peace and Harmony receiving their permanent Charter.

The lodge first met in a corrugated iron building behind Market Square before joining with 4 other lodges to build a new brick Temple. The corner stone for this new building was laid on 10 October 1888 and the building opened ten months later.

The Lodge has seen many wars during its existence, losing members in all of them as well as stopping work temporarily during the Anglo Boer War when the Temple building was used as a military hospital. The Lodge was severely impacted by the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic losing 4 members including their reigning Worshipful Master.

They have experienced some wonderful occasions too. They hosted the Deputy Grand Master National, the RW Bro Christian C Silberbauer in 1906 and the Grand Master of the Grand East of the Netherlands, MW Bro Hermannus van Tongeren in 1932. They have also had a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, MW Bro Ronnie Bauser come from their midst's.

Lodge Peace and Harmony was opened under the auspices of the Grand East of the Netherlands with the number of 53 (NC). In 1910 it changed to number 51 (NC). The lodge had a third number change when the Grand Lodge of South Africa was established in 1961. Lodge Peace and Harmony

was then given the number 11 under the GLSA banner. It changed divisions in January 1991, moving from Southern to Central Division.

When Lodge Die Blou Diamant closed in April 1997, Lodge Peace and Harmony absorbed their remaining members and changed their language of operation to that of Afrikaans.

In 2020 the world was again affected by a global epidemic with the emergence of the Covid 19 virus. Lodge Peace and Harmony lost one of its stalwart Brethren, Wor Bro G Bouwer who had been Master of the Lodge in 2016. He was also the Provincial Grand Orator for the Central Division for many years.

The Lodge is entering their sesquicentennial year on a positive note with 11 members, with very good support from their families. Although some things have changed, others have not. They still sing the hymn 'Prys die Heer' in Dutch as a tribute to their roots in the Grand East of the Netherlands.

On 27th September 2025, Lodge Peace and Harmony celebrated their sesquicentenary – 150 years of their permanent Charter although they had been labouring for nearly two years prior on a temporary Charter. This is only the 4th lodge within the GLSA to have attained this fantastic milestone.

It was a weekend affair with a Treasure Hunt at the Kimberley Big Hole followed by a braai at the lodge on Friday evening. Saturday morning saw the BB and their good Ladies partaking of breakfast at a local restaurant with the formal ceremonies occurring that afternoon.

Brethren came from far and wide. The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place had been due to

head the Grand Lodge delegation but his plane was unable to land at the Kimberley airport due to inclement weather. Deputy Grand Master RW Bro Frans Roodt was travelling with the Grand Master. They were sorely missed at the celebrations. However, RW Bro Simon Nash, Asst Grand Master, ably stepped into the breach, and conducted the Rededication Ceremony. The newly elected Master, WB Barend Esterhuizen, was then installed by the Central Division Provincial Grand Officers who were led by the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Marcel de Kock. Among the visiting BB was the District Grand Master, Central Division EC, RW Bro Petrus Louw and many of the local English Constitution BB. Also visiting were some local Scottish Freemasons. A formal banquet was held

in the evening with a superb meal being enjoyed by all.

Those who had not yet taken the long roads home very early on Sunday morning, once again joined in a delicious breakfast at the lodge, cooked by the RW Bro Marcel de Kock (Central PGM) and assisted by the IPM WB Francois Dauth as well as the newly installed Worshipful Master WB Barend Esterhuizen. The ladies were able to sit and chat and sip Mimosa's. All these festivities occurred in their beautiful Temple built in 1888 which, although now a National Heritage site, is still utilised by the 3 constitutions who are shareholders.

There are still books about the history of the lodge available for sale from RW Bro Ingle at a cost of R300. Profits to go to the lodge.



Lodge Peace and Harmony No11 celebrations. Kimberly.

Lodge Magersfontein Installation: November 2025.

Lodge Magersfontein held its annual Installation Meeting on 22 November 2025 at the Masonic Temple in Kimberley. The meeting opened in the First Degree, followed by the reading of the notice of meeting and the confirmation of the previous minutes.

Provincial Grand Lodge officers attended the ceremony, along with several visiting Grand Lodge Brethren. The central moment of the meeting was the installation of Wor. Bro. Johnny Cambanis as the new Presiding Master, accompanied by the formal investiture of the Lodge Officers for the new Masonic year.

A charity collection was held before the visiting officers retired, and the Lodge was closed in due form. Afterward, a formal group photograph was

taken, capturing twelve Brethren proudly assembled in full regalia — a dignified and memorable record of the day's proceedings.

Historic Insight: The Name “Magersfontein”

The Lodge derives its name from the historic Battle of Magersfontein (1899), a major event of the Anglo-Boer War that took place near Kimberley. The battle's legacy of courage, perseverance, and strategic discipline is reflected in the Lodge's identity and symbolism. Lodge Magersfontein remains one of the few South African lodges whose name directly honours a significant historical event and the heritage of the region.

Wor Bro D Sanson.



*Lodge Magersfontein
No 144*

Installation of Lodge Parys.

Lodge Parys No. 30 held a dignified Installation Ceremony at its temple in De Villiers Street on 23 August 2025, where Worshipful Brother Johan Wolfaardt was installed into the Chair of King Solomon for his second consecutive year as Worshipful Master.

40 brethren and guests attended, including the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Godfrey Place, together with Grand Lodge Officers and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, who acted as the Installing Team.

The ceremony was carried out with precision and reverence, symbolizing the trust placed in Wor Bro. Wolfaardt to continue guiding the Lodge with dedication.

Unity and Continuity in Freemasonry.

This re-installation was more than the continuation of a Master’s term; it was a testament to the unity and confidence of the brethren. The support of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and visiting brethren highlighted that the true strength of Freemasonry lies in its timeless bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

As Worshipful Brother Johan Wolfaardt leads Lodge Parys for a second year, the Lodge reaffirms its proud history and looks forward to another period of fraternity, service, and harmony.

Wor Bro D Sanson.

*Losie Parys
No 30.*





Installation Wor Bro Herman Caalsen, Losie Unie No 4.



Losie Dagbreek No 45

The Brethren of Losie Unie supported a paraplegic rugby team.



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Deputy Provincial Grand Master / Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester.



Wor Bro / Agb Br IO Ezeudji.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistant Provincial Grootmeester



Wor Bro / Agb Br H Selzer.

Annual report of the Provincial Grand Master. Masonic year 2024/2025. Eastern Division.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place; the Past Grand Master, MW Bro Geoff Edwards, OSM, the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Masters from our Sister Divisions and Distinguished Representatives from the Sister Constitutions, Right Worshipful Brethren, Very Worshipful Brethren, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren all, I welcome you to our 48th Annual General Meeting. Although the number of Brethren attending today is not ideal, I fully understand the personal and financial circumstances that prevented many Brethren from making the trip to Richards Bay. For those who made the effort, my sincere gratitude. I do not see the value in very long annual reports that go into great detail, I will rather focus on the essence of where we currently stand in the Eastern Division and where we are planning to go in the next year and beyond.

Membership:

The membership of this Division is currently 33 members, not counting any plurals. This is after a very challenging year in which the resignation of certain members actually served to make the Division stronger and more stable in terms of relationships between Brethren being strengthened and negativity being removed.

The low membership is nothing to be proud of, but the culling exercise has now been completed and with the quality of new members being initiated, there is a lot of hope for good growth in this Division.

Whilst the Lodges have been stabilized, the main focus now is on making our Lodges happy places again. Social gatherings and improved ritual work will be the foundation of this process. Low attendance at Lodge meetings are 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 involvement of families in the activities of the Lodge is crucial, and will enjoy preference in the next year.

Lodges of the Eastern Division:

Lodge First United has had a period of revival in the second half of the year. A new WM, Wor Bro Craig Engelbrecht has been installed and he brings new energy and new ideas to the lodge. Two new apprentices have been initiated and they show great promise of enjoying very successful Masonic careers.

Brethren that showed commitment and the willingness to learn, have progressed to their next degrees and are showing potential of taking up crucial offices in the Lodge in the not too distant future. Ritual work is improving but not at the standard it should be yet. The one major exception is Wor Bro Bruce Lamprecht who; for the second time, performed the entire Third Degree ritual on his own and at a very high standard. Those who attended the meeting all agreed that they witnessed something very special.

Some dedicated Brethren are still facing serious financial challenges and everything is being done to accommodate them in their issues of Lodge attendance and not being able to fully meet their financial obligations to the Lodge. Lodge First United is firmly back on track to become the star Lodge that it used to be a few years ago.

Lodge Neerlandia has benefitted greatly from a dynamic new WM, Wor Bro Rudi Swart. Wor Bro Swart and his brother Andre Swart have actively involved their families on Lodge activities such as catering and social events; and it is showing positive results for making the Lodge a happy place once again. The Lodge is now ready to initiate and retain new candidates but unfortunately the recruitment has been slower than expected. Quality recruitment will receive priority attention in the new year.

Lodge Meerensee is also welcoming a new WM, Bro Siya Mkhize. We look forward to

his new energy in this Lodge. The Lodge initiated two new Brethren in 2025 and is on its way to growing their numbers substantially. It is reaching the very important milestone of their 50-year celebration in 2025 and that should be a big motivating factor for the Lodge members to ensure that their Lodge keeps growing stronger. Bro Corne Davel is doing a good job as Lodge Secretary and shows promise to progress to higher offices.

Commissioned Officers:

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

Provincial Grand Officers:

As in some other Divisions, the number of PG officers is a cause for concern. With financial and time challenges, Brethren remain hesitant to take on the additional responsibility of serving in Province. It really concerns me, as it should be an absolute honour to be nominated as a PG Officer. Nevertheless, we are still blessed with a small group of PG officers who go out of their way to serve with dignity. I am also identifying junior Brethren of Talent who deserve to, and want to, serve as PG Officers even before they have gone through the chair, they will be appointed as PG Stewards and help out in PG offices until they qualify to be invested as full PG officers.

Sister Divisions:

Once again, a very special thanks to my fellow PGM's who are always available for advice or just a brotherly chat and some good humour. We definitely do not agree on everything all the time, and that is healthy for our own personal growth as well as in the interest of the GLSA.

Sister Constitutions:

We still enjoy good relationships with our Sister Constitutions in KZN and the quarterly Inter Constitutional Chains conferences serves the very important purpose of communicating, building bonds and preventing misunderstandings.

Charity:

As part of the Grand Master's cookie challenge at the end of 2024, the three Lodges distributed a total of more than 500kg of biscuits to various charities in Durban and Empangeni. 60kg of chicken fillets was donated to Elders' Voice and more than 150kg of chicken fillets was donated to KZN Care Association. This was as a result of the outstanding efforts of Wor Bro Craig Engelbrecht. The value of the biscuits donated was about R9 000 and the value of the chicken fillets was more than R14 000.

Support to the Dementia Project is ongoing, with more than 100 "fiddle blankets" prepared for donation. Our thanks to Bro Andre Barnard and his daughter for this initiative. The focus in the new Year will be on exposure in the media and the community regarding our charitable projects.

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 they have been in many years and will be utilised with circumspection to achieve our financial goals.

AASR and RA:

It is still a major concern that the Royal Arch is not functional at all in KZN. The AASR has started meeting again and a number of degree working have been performed. The focus will be on the recruitment of younger Brethren and keeping them active enough to retain membership.

In Conclusion:

The Eastern Division has not achieved the objectives set at the start of the previous year, but we have turned the ship around and growth in membership as well as making the Lodges happier places, is definitely an achievable vision for the next year.

I would like to thank every Brother of the

Eastern Division that supported me and their Lodges in the last year, and especially my gratitude to my wife Jackie who has always been there with love and support during the long hours of my Masonic commitments.

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**RW Bro J van der Merwe
Provincial Grand Master.
Eastern Division.**

**Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Groot Losie Ampsdraers.
2025 / 2026.**

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	Rudi Swart
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Matthew McKelvey
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Jacobus 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	Craig Engelbrecht
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Robert Verheijen
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Siyabonga Mkhize
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Graham Jordan
Provincial Grand Director of Music	Wor Bro	Brenlee Hippolyte
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Craig Engelbrecht
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Cornelis Davel
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	Bruce Lamprecht

Eastern Division / Oostelike Afdeling as at December 2025.

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
Neerlandia	31	1922	Port Natal. Durban	3rd	Tue	June	Sat
Meerensee	118	1975	Empangeni	4th	Sat	April	Sat
First United	140	2008	Rosburgh, Durban	1st	Thu	October	Sat

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

Lodge	Master	Secretary
Neerlandia	Wor Bro R Swart	Bro A Barnard
Meerensee	Wor Bro S Mkhize	Bro P Davel
First United	RW Bro J van der Merwe	Wor Bro H Selzer



Lodge Neerlandia No 31.



Lodge First United No 140.

Wor Bro Matthew Mckelevy “Bushy” is off again.

Bushy is a member of Neerlandia Loge in Durban, but often has to apologise for absence when he is off on one of his long rides into Africa.

Bushy has no legs, but this has not prevented him from establishing world records for the longest distance covered in a 24 hour period on his motorcycle.

This time it was in Grootfontein, Namibia and visited his Brethren in Lodge Makalani.



Monty, Lara, Bushy and Andre.

Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika.

Eastern Cape Division / Ooskaap Afdeling 2024 / 2025.

Provincial Grand Master / Provinsiale Grootmeester.



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Agb Br / Wor Bro DA Nienaber.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master / Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeester.



Agb Br / Wor Bro HS Rademeyer.

**Annual Report of the Provincial Grand Master.
Eastern Cape Division.
2024 / 2025.**

Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren all.

It is both an honour and a privilege to address you at this Annual General Meeting. I was installed as Provincial Grand Master in November 2023 and entrusted with the leadership of the Eastern Cape Division of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. As I now enter the third year of my term, I am reminded of how swiftly time passes when one is engaged in meaningful and rewarding work, and enjoying the journey along the way.

I extend my sincere thanks to each Brother present today for your attendance and continued support of your Provincial Grand Lodge. This report provides a concise overview of our Division's key activities and developments during the past year.

Grand Master's Challenge.

Following our 2024 AGM, the Grand Master challenged us to collect and distribute as many cookies as possible to those in need, including retirement homes and charitable institutions. While I extend heartfelt appreciation to the Brethren who participated and demonstrated genuine Masonic charity in action, it is regrettable that only a small number supported the initiative.

Acts of compassion - however small - lie at the heart of Freemasonry. It is my hope that future challenges of this nature will inspire broader participation across our Division.

Divisional Amalgamation Proposal.

This year began with the Central Division's Annual General Meeting, during which the Grand Master raised the possibility of amalgamating our Division with either the Southern or Central Division. A similar proposal was presented to the Eastern Division, suggesting integration with the Central or Northern Divisions.

Both the Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division and I opposed this suggestion, firmly yet respectfully. While we fully acknowledge the realities of declining membership, we remain convinced that the Eastern Cape and Eastern Divisions - though smaller - each possess unique identities, traditions, and a Masonic spirit that deserve preservation.

Autonomy is not merely an administrative preference; it represents the culture, heritage, and distinctive character of our Brethren and lodges.

We did, however, agree that it is no longer practical for Grand Lodge and our Sister Divisions to travel en masse to every Annual Meeting, particularly in years without major installations or appointments.

Consequently, we decided to approach this year's AGM differently.

In hindsight, this change proved less effective than anticipated, as the reduced presence of Grand Lodge and visiting Brethren is apparent today. Though well-intentioned, it did not achieve the desired outcome. Accordingly, we will reinstate the full invitation to Grand Lodge and all Brethren for future AGMs.

Experience remains our finest teacher, we learn, adapt, and move forward.

Membership and Growth.

The Grand Master has once again set a high standard for membership growth across all Divisions. The challenge remains formidable. Freemasonry is not an organisation that recruits by persuasion or pressure; it attracts men of integrity, principle, and a genuine desire to improve themselves and serve others.

Despite various efforts, including social gatherings, awareness campaigns, and open evenings, our conversion rate remains modest.

While interest is evident, true commitment is the defining factor, and commitment cannot be manufactured.

As the tides of nature ebb and flow, so too does the membership of our Craft. At times, we experience encouraging growth; at others, a lull. Many of us have witnessed evenings where attendance was so low that a lodge could not be opened. Yet these cycles are not new, nor are they reason for despair.

Report on Activities.

Monthly Social Braai.

In May, W Bro Xavier McLeod introduced a monthly social braai, held on the last Saturday of each month. This initiative has proven to be a resounding success, fostering fellowship among the Brethren and providing a relaxed environment for prospective members. It offers meaningful engagement outside the formal lodge setting and helps assess candidates' compatibility with the Craft. I extend my sincere gratitude to W Bro McLeod for his creativity and commitment.

Provincial Joker Lucky Draw.

I introduced the Provincial Joker Lucky Draw, with the first draw held in September 2025. This will now become a regular monthly event. It has excellent potential as a fundraising initiative while also offering enjoyable rewards for participating Brethren. All draws are conducted in strict accordance with the National Lotteries Act.

Grand Lodge Members.

We are fortunate to have several active Grand Lodge officers within our Division:

RW Bro Keith Hutton, OSM – Assistant Grand Master

W Bro Mark Hiles – Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies

VW Bro Marius Terblanche – Grand Ambassador

VW Bro Nowellyn van Vuuren – Grand Master of Ceremonies

Their guidance, leadership, and consistent support are invaluable to the Eastern Cape

Division. I thank them sincerely for their wisdom and commitment.

Lodge Reports.

Lodge de Vereeniging.

Our oldest Lodge continues to perform steadily. Meetings are well attended, and the Lodge benefits from the support of several affiliated Brethren. We extend a warm welcome to Bro Gordon van der Westhuizen, who joined in October, and wish him a long and fulfilling Masonic journey.

Lodge Royal Protea.

The Lodge recently suffered the loss of W Bro Vic Tabanelli, one of its most devoted members. His passing leaves a deep void. Nonetheless, under the continued guidance of W Bro Mark Hiles and with the steadfast support of the Rademeyer Brethren, the Lodge is well positioned to rebuild and thrive once more.

Lodge Tolerance.

Under the capable leadership of RW Bro Keith Hutton, OSM, Lodge Tolerance has continued to operate effectively, despite challenges arising from members' competing commitments. The Lodge receives several applications annually, though not all applicants are found suitable for initiation. Encouragingly, an initiation is planned for February 2026, which promises to welcome new and committed members.

Lodge Sonheuwel.

Lodge Sonheuwel has truly been the crown jewel of the Eastern Cape Division. Since April 2025, it has initiated six new Brethren and affiliated Bro Johannes Meiring, a long-serving member of GLSA. Its success has created the pleasant challenge of conducting a series of Fellow Craft degrees. Fortunately, Lodge Tolerance has graciously assisted in these ceremonies.

Indeed, as I noted earlier about the tides, the tide has turned most favourably for Lodge Sonheuwel. Its achievements stand as an inspiring example of growth, enthusiasm, and

teamwork.

Masonic Complex.

Our Eastern Cape Masonic Complex remains a source of great pride. It has become a vibrant centre for Masonic activity, hosting lodges from several constitutions.

A special word of appreciation must go to VW Bro Marius Terblanche, who tirelessly manages the building's day-to-day operations. His dedication, often being at the complex several nights a week to open, close, or assist lodges, is deeply appreciated.

While the complex's finances are stable, the condition of the building, both internally and externally, is becoming a growing concern.

Now 111 years and 10 months old, our gracious lady requires increased care and maintenance. This must become a focus in the coming year.

Provincial Grand Lodge Finances.

The Provincial Grand Lodge's finances, like those of the building, remain stable. However, our working capital is limited, leaving little flexibility for large-scale charitable projects. Addressing this constraint must be a key objective in the near future.

Service Awards.

We are privileged today to present two Service Awards. Both recipients have exemplified steadfast commitment to Freemasonry, continuing to serve faithfully despite personal challenges.

A 50-year award was made to Wor Bro Hennie Greeff and a 25-year award to Wor Bro Kevin Kirwin. The Provincial Grand Lodge of the

Eastern Cape Division congratulates both Brethren and wishes them strength and continued dedication to the Craft for many years to come.

Relations with Sister Constitutions.

We continue to maintain cordial relations with our Sister Constitutions and will strive to strengthen these ties further through increased cross-visitation and mutual support. Building bridges across Masonic boundaries enriches us all and upholds the universal principles of brotherhood and unity.

Committees.

In the coming year, I intend to re-establish the following Provincial Committees:

Finance Committee

Building Committee

Benevolence Committee

Education Committee

These committees will play a crucial role in strengthening our administrative and charitable work within the Province.

Conclusion.

Brethren, while the past year has not been without its challenges, it has also been a year of steady progress, renewed energy, and valuable lessons. The strength of our Division lies not in its numbers but in the quality, integrity, and dedication of its Brethren.

Let us continue to work together with unity of purpose, compassion in service, and pride in our Masonic heritage.

RW Bro R Gillmer.

Provincial Grand Master.

Eastern Cape Division.

Speech at the Annual Banquet – Provincial Grand Lodge, Eastern Cape Division. by RW Bro Ricardo Gillmer. Provincial Grand Master.

Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren, Ladies, and Guests, Good evening.

It gives me immense pleasure to stand before you tonight, not only as your Provincial Grand Master,

but as a Brother deeply proud of what our Order continues to mean to so many.

Freemasonry, at its heart, is about transformation, quiet, steadfast, and deeply personal transformation. It's about building good men into better men,

refining character through discipline, compassion, and reflection. It is not a journey walked alone, but one travelled alongside others who share the same commitment to truth, integrity, and brotherly love. I was recently reminded of this by the words of one of our Brethren, Bro Ashley Dahms, who shared his reflections on what the Craft has meant to him. He said:

“Freemasonry has had a truly positive impact on my life since I joined as an Entered Apprentice and later advanced to Fellow Craft. The journey has taught me a lot about integrity, self-discipline, and brotherly love. Through what I’ve learned and the friendships I’ve made, I’ve become more patient, thoughtful, and purposeful in what I do. It’s helped me grow as a person, given me a better sense of direction, and inspired me to live with honesty and respect, both inside the Lodge and in everyday life.”

Those are powerful words, sincere and genuine, and they capture precisely why we do what we do. But the real beauty of his testimony lies in the fact that it doesn’t end with him. His wife, Jacky, also shared her perspective, and it speaks volumes about the influence Freemasonry has not only on men, but on families.

She said: “As the wife of a new Apprentice, I’ve had the privilege of seeing how Freemasonry has already made such a difference in his life. The values and discipline he’s gained through his time at Lodge Sonheuwel have given him a new sense of purpose, calm, and balance. I’ve seen a quiet confidence growing in him, a deeper thoughtfulness and pride in the man he’s becoming. It’s been wonderful to see how much joy and meaning he’s found in being part of the Brotherhood, and how he brings those lessons into his everyday life.”

What a beautiful sentiment, and a reminder that our teachings extend far beyond our meetings. They

spread outward, touching homes, families and workplaces.

And then there are words that need no translation, from Anuschka, who wrote about her fiancé Tiaan, a member of Losie Sonheuwel for only 2 months:

“Toe Tiaan vir my gesê het, hy wil graag deel word van die Vrymesselaars, was my eerste vraag hoekom? Die antwoord was: ‘Ek wil ’n beter man wees.’ Ek het nie geweet hoe groot daardie ses woorde my lewe sou raak nie. Hy is letterlik ’n nuwe mens, weer die goeie man wat ek aan die begin geken het. My kollegas het selfs gesê, hy is heeltemal anders, vir die beter. Ek wil hiermee dankie sê vir die verskil wat julle in sy lewe en my lewe gemaak het.”

If ever there were words that captured the true essence of Freemasonry - *“Ek wil ’n beter man wees”* - these are they.

Brethren, that is what this journey is about. Becoming better men. Building stronger families. Inspiring those around us through quiet example rather than loud declaration.

From my own perspective, after 3 decades as a mason I’ve come to see that Freemasonry is not merely about ritual or tradition. It is about creating character, fostering kindness, and building unity. It teaches honesty, respect, and service, values our world desperately needs more of. It binds us together in a common purpose: to make good men better and, through them, make the world around us just a little brighter.

Tonight, as we celebrate another successful year, let us reflect on these values, and on the privilege we share in belonging to this timeless Brotherhood.

It is my sincere wish that we continue to inspire, uplift, and serve, not for recognition, but because it is right.

Thank you all and enjoy the rest of the evening.

THE DRIVER, THE STOKER AND THE PASSENGERS: A CALL TO DUTY IN FREEMASONRY.

In the great age of steam engines, as mighty locomotives steam across vast landscapes, all eyes were often on the speed, the elegance, and destination of the train. But beneath the grandeur, buried deep in the bowels of the engine, toiled two men whose efforts went largely unnoticed - the Driver and his Fireman or Stoker.

With soot-covered faces and calloused hands, they laboured relentlessly, shovelling coal into the fiery

belly of the engine, ensuring the steam pressure remained constant, the wheels kept turning, and the

journey continued without pause.

These men worked in punishing heat, surrounded by smoke and sweat, while those in the carriages behind them reclined in comfort. Passengers dined, laughed, and sipped champagne, very often oblivious to the essential, unglamorous work being done just metres ahead, work without which the

train would grind to a halt. The engine would fall silent. The journey would end.

Brethren, is this not an apt metaphor for where we find ourselves in Freemasonry today?

In many Lodges, perhaps even in our own, a handful of dedicated brethren are shovelling the coal. They are the ones who arrive early, stay late, carry burdens silently, and labour without applause. They are the Stokers of our Fraternity. And while they labour in the engine room, others merely enjoy the ride. They are carried forward by the momentum built on the shoulders of those few, often unaware of or indifferent to the effort keeping the Lodge alive and moving.

BB, this is not an accusation, it is an invitation. An invitation to each of us to look in the mirror and ask: Am I in the engine room, or am I merely a passenger? Do I show up only when it's convenient, or do I roll up my sleeves and offer my time, energy, and skills to the Craft that can give, or has given me/us so much?

Let us not forget, Freemasonry is not a luxury liner where one pays for a ticket and expects to be served. It is a Brotherhood that thrives on shared effort, shared sacrifice, and shared vision. Every degree

worked, every new candidate initiated, every ceremony held, and every charitable effort undertaken requires the quiet, unseen labour of men who have chosen to shovel the coal rather than sip the champagne.

My Brethren, we need more stokers. Not in rank or in title, but in spirit and in deed. Men who understand that the train of Freemasonry does not move forward on hope or nostalgia, but on the backs of those willing to labour in unity. Men who are not content to be spectators of our history and tradition, but participants in its future.

The time has come to decide: Are you content to be a mere passenger, sipping away and enjoying the scenery, or are you ready to take the short walk to the head of the train? Take up a shovel. Enter the engine room. Let your hands get dirty. For only then can we ensure that the journey of our beloved Craft continues, strong, steadfast, and worthy of the legacy that has been entrusted to us.

RW Bro R Gillmer.
Installation Ceremony
Lodge Tolerance No 142
Saturday, 26 July 2025.

Eastern Cape Division / Ooskaap Afdeling.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers / Provinsiale Grootlosie Ampsdraers .
2025 / 2026.

Provincial Grand Master	RW Bro	Ricardo Gillmer
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Dennis Nienaber
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	Wor Bro	Hendrik Rademeyer
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Wor Bro	Christiaan de Vos
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Wor Bro	Daniel Meyburgh
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Siviwe Blauw
Provincial Grand Orator	Wor Bro	Xavier Mcleod
Provincial Grand Secretary	Wor Bro	Marius Terblanche
Provincial Grand Treasurer	RW Bro	Ricardo Gillmer
Provincial Grand Master of Ceremony	Wor Bro	Nowellyn van Vuuren
Provincial Grand First Preparator	Wor Bro	Daniel Stander
Provincial Grand Almoner	VW Bro	Marius Terblanche
Provincial Grand Ambassador	Wor Bro	Siviwe Blauw
Provincial Grand Architect	Wor Bro	Marius Beyleveld
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Wor Bro	Eric Huebsch
Provincial Grand Banner Bearer	Wor Bro	Siviwe Blauw
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Wor Bro	Kevin Kirwin
Provincial Grand Steward	Wor Bro	Johannes Greeff
Provincial Grand Preceptor	Wor Bro	Mark Hiles

Eastern Cape Division / Oostelike Kaap Afdeling as at December 2025.

Lodge	No	Founded	Location	Week	Day	Installation	Special
De Vereeniging.	3	1834	Gqeberha	2nd	Tue	July	Sat
Royal Protea.	55	1948	Gonubie	4th	Thu	November	Sat
Tolerance.	142	2015	Gqeberha	1st	Mon	July	Sat
Sonheuwel	143	2017	Gqeberha	2nd	Tue	June	
Jeffreys Bay	145	2021	Aston Bay	TBA		September	Sat

Lodge Name	e-mail
De Vereeniging.	devereeniging@grandlodge.co.za
Royal Protea.	royalprotea@grandlodge.co.za
Tolerance.	tolerance@grandlodge.co.za
Sonheuwel.	sonheuwel@grandlodge.co.za
Jeffreys Bay.	jeffreysbay@grandlodge.co.za

Lodge Name	Master	Secretary
De Vereeniging.	Wor Bro AJ van der Westhuizen	VW Bro MJ Terblanche
Royal Protea.	Wor Bro HS Rademeyer	Wor Bro MR Hiles
Tolerance.	RW Bro KJ Hutton OSM	Bro B Naidoo
Sonheuwel.	Wor Bro NP van Vuuren	Bro AA Venter
Jeffreys Bay.	Vacant	Vacant



Losie Sonheuwel No 143

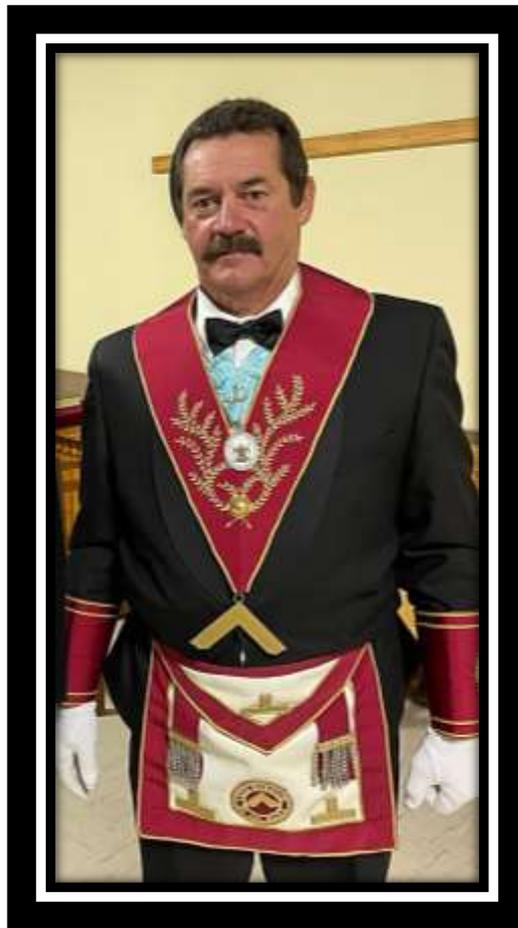


Lodge Tolerance No 142.

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.
Founded 1973.
Grootfontein.**



Worshipful Master: Agb Br / Wor Bro A Botes.

**Secretary:
SV Br / RW Bro CF Montgomery.**

Contact address: gti@iway.na





Lodge Makalani No.114 Grootfontein.



'Vrystaaters' on the road to Makalani Installation.





Losie Makalani No 114.

Wor Bro Tony Hristov, Master of Concord Lodge 110 UGLB in Varna, Bulgaria, visited Losie Makalani and presented gavels to the Lodge on the 3 September 2025.



The Brethren of Losie Makalani.



Grand Lodge of South Africa / Grootloosie van Suid Afrika.

Virtual Lodge.

Lodge Springbok No 87 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. Re-consecrated as a Virtual Lodge. 2024.



Worshipful Master: VW Bro AV Bosman.

Secretary: VW Bro AV Bosman.

Contact address: tonybosman63@gmail.com

Annual report of the Worshipful Master, 2025.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren all.

It is for me a particular privilege to welcome each one of you to this annual celebration in the calendar of Lodge Springbok No. 87. Your attendance today, is heartwarming and is indicative of the bond of Freemasons, irrespective of the means of meeting.

As a humble Freemason, it is with sincere gratitude that I thank and praise the Grand Architect of the Universe for the opportunity to labour as a

Freemason, for the glorification of His holy Name. With gratitude and respect, I express my deep appreciation to the Brethren of Lodge Springbok who have supported me in my efforts to lead this Lodge during this year as Worshipful Master. It has not been a walk in the park, but as we progress together, we forge a new way of being.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members, MW Bro David Duncan OSM, Bro Sebastien Mangeant, Bro Chris de Bruyn, Bro Robbert Pollock. We wish you all a wonderful Masonic career in Lodge Springbok.

Visits from other Lodges.

Unfortunately, we didn't have visits from other Lodges, despite several promises to do so.

Visits to other Lodges.

So far eight visits have been conducted by members of Lodge Springbok. They include Lodge Lancaster No 9431 UGLE (Portugal), Loja Liberdade No 161 GLLP (Portugal), Solomon Pillars lodge No 89 UGLE (Israel), Friendship Lodge UGLE.

Finances.

It pleases me to report that our financial commitments have been met and that the financial report is available and will be submitted with this report.

Masonic Activities.

December 2024: Rechartering and Installation.

February 2025: Lecture on The secrets of Freemasonry.

April 2025: Masonic Symbols in London Architecture.

June 2025: Factors to be considered for growing numbers in Freemasonry

August 2025: Lecture on The Masonic Craft Aprons.

October 2025: 'The Story of the Stone: A Deep Reflection on the Rough and Perfect Ashlar.'

Membership.

Lodge Springbok had 14 Master Masons and 1 Fellow Craft as at the end of November 2025.

This has been reduced to 13 Master Masons due to a resignation in December.

2026 Goals.

Although the Lodge has grown over the past year, it remains a key goal to reach out to other Brethren of the GLSA who have moved away from South Africa. However, we will not restrict our outreach to current and past GLSA members but will identify opportunities to reach out to those in other Constitutions who may wish to find a Masonic home within Lodge Springbok.

A second focus is to actively encourage the Brethren of Lodge Springbok to visit Lodges in the countries where they currently reside, under the banner of Lodge Springbok, to share the awareness of our Lodge and to create a sense of pride in being a

member of this Lodge.

Thanks and Appreciation.

Firstly, I must thank the Grand Architect of the Universe for granting me the strength, determination and courage to fulfil my duties during the past year. Being the Worshipful Master of a Virtual Lodge has challenges and complexities far beyond what one is accustomed as the Worshipful Master of a bricks and mortar Lodge.

To my wife. Your patience, love and support during this year were the source of my perseverance. Especially considering that the time difference dictates that an early rise and shine on a Saturday morning interrupts the normal late sleep of a weekend.

To all our Ladies. The support and flexibility you give us, enable us to be who and what we are, especially considering the rather strange hours that we, as a global Lodge, are required to meet.

To my Officers, for pulling together and making this venture come to life and showing what can be done with a 'can do' attitude.

It is always a challenge to ensure that appropriate gratitude is directed to those who deserve it. To every Brother of this Lodge, I offer my humble thanks and appreciation for your support and contributions during the year. Should I accidentally have missed a worthy Brother, please know that it was not done intentionally.

Closing.

The groundwork laid by the Brethren in this year was the starting point to a successful endeavour, one which at times, I thought may falter. Tenacity, willingness and cooperation have become the core of this reconstituted Lodge. Even though we may occasionally differ in our opinions as men, we must never as Brethren, allow the good work that has been done to crumble.

May our dedication to our Creator, the Order and this Lodge be of the greatest importance in our hearts. May we offer compassion, tolerance and understanding to each other and to all mankind in the pursuit of our noble objectives.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless this Lodge and keep and preserve us all. May this day carry His blessing and may we all share abundantly in His protection.

“Convenience or Commitment? Meeting Practices and the Vitality of Freemasonry”. **Address to the Lodge: VW Bro Tony Bosman.**

Introduction.

During my visits to Lodges in Portugal, I was struck by a very different approach and behaviour towards Lodge activities, to that which I am accustomed.

On the one hand, I have over the years, become aware of a tendency for there to be shorter meetings, less ritual or shortened ritual and in some instances, a call to only have meetings if there is something to do.

However, what I have witnessed in Portuguese Lodges, is rather different. More meetings, longer meetings, and full rituals. This has caused me to reflect on this, and look at what, potentially creates such a divergent reality.

Observations.

In order to understand the two realities, I have called one the Convenience reality and the other the other Immersion reality.

In the Convenience reality, there tends to be a decreasing membership despite there being softening and a tendency to be more accommodating but decreasing membership has not been halted.

In the Immersion reality, I have seen growth in numbers, a desire to improve workings and a very high attendance rate at meetings.

This raises a very simple question, why this dichotomy?

I have presented my reflections below.

The Convenience Reality.

Erosion of distinctiveness:

In dilution a risk arises that there becomes very little differentiation between the Order and the many service clubs that exist. Infrequent, short, and/or ritual stripped meetings, remove the essence of why we are Freemasons. In so doing it also removes the purpose of those who joined to understand the mystery, the history and tradition. Perhaps it may also impact potential candidates who don't identify any differentiation.

Weakened bonds of fraternity:

Reduced meeting times and frequencies, translates into reduced contact and conversation. Mentoring is significantly reduced and labouring together weakened. A logical outcome to this may well be a diluted sense of obligation, fewer attendees resulting in meaningless meetings and overall Lodge apathy.

Loss of “seriousness of purpose”:

I can't help but to view this as a move away from the collective shared bond of fraternity towards a fragmented individualism.

The Immersion Reality: An Hypothesis.

High expectations as a filter and magnet:

More frequent attendance, longer meetings, and stronger ritual proficiency may initially be perceived as burdensome. Perhaps, this level of rigor is essential, as it actively attracts individuals who desire a serious, transformative experience within the organization. Leadership guidance consistently stresses that truly engaged members are made to feel needed and challenged rather than being treated as passive spectators.

Ritual excellence and shared pride:

Perhaps we should consider that successful lodges have a better retention rate due to well-memorised and dignified ritual generating a sense of pride. Not all of us are ritualists but inclusivity is undoubtedly better than exclusivity. This must leave a positive impression in the mind of a new Apprentice.

Regular contact and community building:

Regular contact fosters community. Shared time fosters shared experiences and shared experiences fosters unity and strong bonds. This does not imply that meetings should be only about admin and ritual. Just as with the 24 inch gauge, we must design our Lodge time for service to God, part to labour and part for refreshment and rest.

Conclusion

Freemasonry will not be renewed by continually asking less of its members, but by asking the right things: time for meaningful ritual, willingness to build deep relationships, and commitment to shared labour in an atmosphere of harmony.

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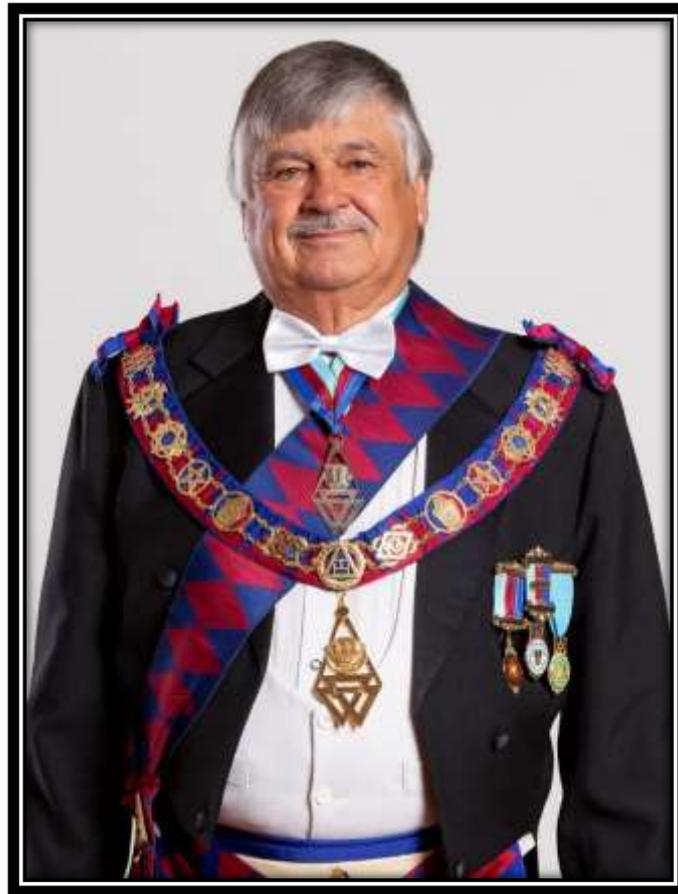
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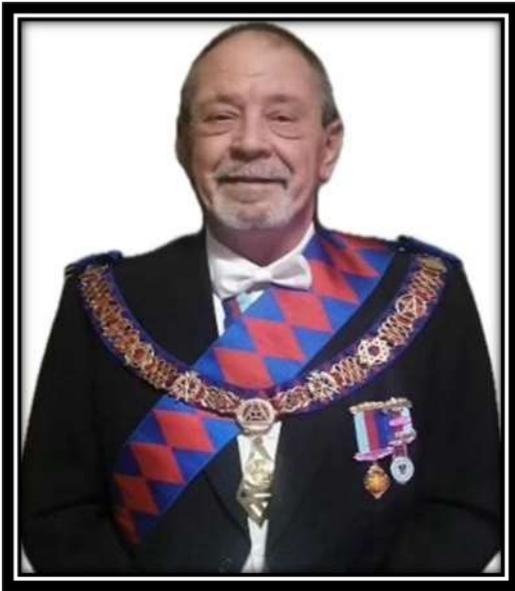
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Derde Groot Prinsipaal
MEC Keith Hutton OSM**



**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.**

7 June 2025.

At /te Orange Grove Temple, Johannesburg.

A Warm Welcome.

I extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every Companion present today. I trust that those who attended this morning's Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division found it both fulfilling and uplifting.

I trust you also enjoyed the formal banquet hosted last night by the Northern Division. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and celebration, and I extend my sincere thanks to the Northern Division for their warm hospitality and excellent organisation. Events such as these

not only strengthen our fraternal bonds but also remind us of the joy and camaraderie that underpin our shared Masonic journey.

Although our Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, is regrettably unable to be with us today, he has conveyed his warmest regards and sincere well wishes for a successful Convocation. We acknowledge his continued support and enduring interest in the affairs of our Supreme Grand Chapter.

Acknowledging Leadership and Support.

As this has been a demanding year for me professionally, involving extended business commitments abroad, I must express my heartfelt appreciation to our Deputy First Grand Principal, who so ably held the reins in my absence. His calm and capable leadership ensured that the work of this Grand Chapter continued without interruption, and I am sincerely grateful.

I also wish to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the guidance and mentorship of my two predecessors, MEC John Smith OSM MSA and MEC Johan Britz MSA. Their steady counsel and willingness to support my transition into this high office have made a meaningful difference during my first year. Their example continues to inspire.

New Initiatives: Strengthening Our Infrastructure and Education.

This year has marked the beginning of a digital transformation for our Supreme Grand Chapter. We are currently developing a new website integrated with a Member Management System (MMS)—a platform designed to enhance communication, improve accuracy in recordkeeping, and streamline administration across our jurisdictions.

In parallel, our 2nd Grand Principal, MEC Mahmoud Patel, has taken the lead in establishing a robust online education programme. This platform will offer structured, certificated learning pathways, starting with

advancement modules and culminating in an advanced certificate for those wishing to deepen their knowledge and commitment to Royal Arch Masonry.

Grand Chapter and Committee.

The Grand Committee has remained active and engaged throughout the year. I am grateful for the steady hands and thoughtful contributions of its members, which have helped maintain coherence and vitality across our Chapters, Lodges, and Councils.

It is with profound gratitude that I share a rare blessing, no Companion has, in this past year, been called to the Grand Chapter Above. We are reminded how precious our fellowship remains. And yet, we pause to honour the legacy of those who labored before us, Companions whose light endures in the memory of our work and whose values live on in our purpose.

Charity and Fraternal Responsibility.

This past December, our Supreme Grand Chapter had the privilege of contributing to the Grand Master's Annual Cookie Challenge, with 45 kilograms of biscuits generously collected and distributed through the dedicated efforts of our members. In addition, Supreme Grand Chapter, Provincial Grand Chapters, Chapters, Lodges and Councils made charitable donations to various causes, including the Masonic Homes for Seniors, the Shelter for Abused Women, and other deserving organizations.

Provincial Grand Chapters and Subordinate Bodies.

I commend MEC Marius Mostert, Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division, and MEC Louis van der Linde, Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division, for their continued leadership and unwavering commitment to the strengthening of our Order.

I take this opportunity to congratulate MEC Marius Mostert on his appointment as the Provincial Grand Master Elect of the Northern

Division, a role of great responsibility. Recognising the breadth of his new duties, I have pledged to explore ways to support and relieve aspects of his Royal Arch portfolio to enable balance across his Masonic commitments.

At the request of the Grand Superintendents, it pleased me to approve the following appointments: Excellent Companion Malcolm Gessler as Second Principal and Excellent Companion Frank Begot as Third Principal of the Southern Division, and Excellent Companion Machiel Victor as Assistant Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. These appointments reflect a commitment to strengthening our leadership and ensuring continuity across our provinces.

Throughout the year, our Chapters have shown resilience and renewal. Multiple exaltations and advancements in single convocations have brought fresh energy to our workings. These efforts are a testament to the passion and dedication of our leadership teams.

To our Zerubbabel's, Commanders Noah, and Thrice Illustrious Masters, thank you. You are the standard-bearers of ritual excellence and fraternal care, and your leadership underpins everything we do.

The Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Cryptic Councils continue to offer depth and dimension to our Masonic journey. I encourage Companions to explore these Orders and allow their profound teachings to enrich your understanding.

Regalia Standards and Inventory.

We have acquired a comprehensive stock of regalia for Royal Arch, Royal Ark Mariner, and Cryptic Orders, now available from the Grand Scribe Ezra. This step ensures that no Companion lacks access to appropriate and dignified attire.

Let us maintain the high standards we uphold by ensuring all regalia worn is complete, correct, and in good condition. Our appearance

reflects not only the respect we show to our traditions but also to one another.

Chapters, Lodges, and Councils are respectfully urged to supply newly exalted or advanced Companions with a new set of regalia. Second-hand or makeshift garments have no place in welcoming those who join us in trust and ceremony.

While we currently lack a complete inventory of collar and collarette jewels, it is our intent to procure these as resources allow and once a significant portion of our regalia investment has been recouped.

Secretariat and Treasury.

Behind every smoothly functioning system is a team of dedicated individuals. I extend particular thanks to MEC Stéphane Rogovsky, who, despite the challenges of a demanding professional life, has committed himself to the role of Grand Scribe Ezra with vigour and purpose.

My thanks are also due to MEC Louis van der Linde for the mentoring and guidance offered to MEC Rogovsky in navigating the complexities of this role.

Our Supreme Grand Treasurer, MEC Brandon Topham, has likewise demonstrated unwavering diligence in taking over the reins from MEC Dawie van Rooyen. His financial stewardship ensures stability and trust. I also gratefully acknowledge the quiet but invaluable support of his wife, Mari, whose contributions behind the scenes have not gone unnoticed.

Fraternal and Foreign Relations.

Our relationship with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands continues to flourish, marked by mutual respect and a shared sense of purpose. I look forward to strengthening these ties further as I travel later this month to attend their Annual Convocation as their guest.

I also wish to place on record my sincere appreciation to the Supreme Grand Chapter of

Benin for their steadfast support and genuine comradeship. Their presence at our Convocations is both regular and deeply valued and today is no exception. Their continued involvement serves as a pillar of unity and inspiration for our wider Royal Arch community.

Sister Constitutions.

Our connection with the Sister Constitutions within South Africa remains steadfast. Their presence at our convocations, and our continued participation in theirs, is a visible expression of our shared values and fraternal unity.

Conclusion.

Companions, the past year has been one of meaningful progress, steady leadership, and fraternal renewal. As we embrace new tools, invest in our members, and remain anchored in our traditions, we are laying the groundwork for a resilient and vibrant future.

To each of you who has contributed, through

your service, your presence, or your counsel, thank you. It is together, as a united body of Companions, that we continue to advance the work entrusted to us.

To my partner, Megan, and to my family, your unwavering love, patience, and encouragement have been the foundation upon which my service has rested. I am deeply grateful for your support, without which this journey would not have been possible.

Let us move forward with confidence and humility, ever guided by the TALGMH, the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, duty, integrity, and fellowship.

May we always remember that leadership is not defined by title, but by the difference we make in the lives of others.

S.M.I.B.

MEC Avron Jacobson, MSA.

First Grand Principal.



**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026 .
OPPERSTE GROOTKAPITTEL AMPSDREAERS 2025-2026.**

The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester	MW Bro / HE Br Godfrey Place
First Grand Principal / Eerste Groot Prinsipaal	MEC / SVM AI 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/ODV
Grand Superintendent / Groot Superintendent (SD/SA)	MEC / SVM LB van der Linde MSA/TVD
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 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
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoofbesoeker	EC / VM D Markantonis
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoeker	EC / VM I Muthien
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoeker	EC / VM M Hiles
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweedebesoeker	EC / VM M Terblanche
Grand Third Sojourner / Groot Derdebeseoeker	Vacant / Vakant
Grand Almoner / Groot Aalmoesener	MEC / SVM A Germishuys
Grand Sword Bearer / Groot Swaarddraer	Vacant / Vakant
Grand Standard Bearer / Groot Vaandeldraer	Vacant / Vakant



**Grand Scribe Ezra / Groot Skriba Esra
MEC / SVM Stéphane Rogovsky**

**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 Grootprinsipaal (Toegeken)
*	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
	Van der Linde LB	2025	Grand Superintendent / Groot Superintendent

* 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
	MEC AI Jacobson		MSA/TVD	2024 to

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			Rhoodie	AGA		2002-2005
*	Franken	P		1982-1986		*	Sumner	GH		2005-2013
*	Wapnick	AE		1986-1989			Carstens	BGR		2013-2017
*	Prentzler	WF		1989-1995			Van Rooyen	D		2017-2021
	Loat	JA		1995-1998			Patel	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	HPJ J	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	AA R	OSM/ODV	1991-1992						
*	Watkinson	PM	OSM/ODV	1992-1995						

PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS / OUD-GROOTKAPPITEL AMPDRAERS

Past Deputy First Grand Principal / Oud-Adjunk Eerste Grootprinsipale

*	Brits	PRJM				*	Geisler	RA		
	Cronje	JP	MSA/TVD			*	Wilkens	JJM		

**REPRESENTATIVES SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS
VERTEENWOORDIGERS SUSTER GROOTKAPITTELS**

GRAND CHAPTER	THEIR REPRESENTATIVE	OUR REPRESENTATIVE
Belgium	MEC Jan Corbet	
Canada		
England	Grand Scribe E	MEC J Britz MSA
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 OSM
Ireland	MEC Ian WG Rudd	MEC JEH Smith OSM MSA
Israel		MEC AI Jacobson MSA
Mexico	OJ Salinas	MEC A Bronner OSM
Netherlands	MEC Dick van Bentveld	MEC Piet Naude MSA
New South Wales		MEC T Du Toit
Nova Scotia	REC Edward Greenfield	MEC R Schreuder
Prov of Manitoba		MEC G Edwards OSM
New Zealand	MEC Graham K Redman	EC B Topham OSM
Province of Ontario		MEC A Jacobson MSA
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 OSM MSA

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, Oct
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 (Recess)	ND	Krugersdorp		
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	2nd Thu	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	2nd Thu	Jul, Sep

ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES /LOSIES

RAM No	RAM Name	Division		Meeting Days	Meeting Months
6	Eendrag Maak Mag	ND	Krugersdorp	5 th Sat	Months with 5 Sats
16	De Goede Kaap	SD	Cape Town	4 th Tue	Mar, Jun, Aug, Nov
23	Brixton 790	ND	Kenzington	1st Wed	Mar, Jul,
24	Acacia 231	ND	Pretoria	2nd Thu	Mar, May

CHAPTER OFFICERS / KAPITTEL AMPSDRAERS

Chapter No	Chapter Name	Installation Day & Month	MEZ	Scribe Ezra Name	Scribe Ezra Contact No
1	Mutual	4 th Mon, Oct	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	Recess			
12	Orange	3rd Sat, May	PA Pretorius	C Richter	(083) 455 3025
13	Horeb	3rd Sat, Sept	C Bowles	M Mostert	(083) 320 3169
14	Witbank	Recess			
15	Fidelity	4 th Sat, Aug	J Boussougouth	L Bergsteedt	(083) 989 9227
16	De Goede Kaap	3rd Wed, Nov	J Curtis	G Edwards OSM	(083) 330 0083
23	Brixton 790	1st Wed, Oct	M de Jager	M de Jager	(082) 579 3042
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	L Smit	BI Wickens	(082) 490 5368

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	M Gessler	(072) 994 7538
6	Eendrag Maak Mag	1st 5th Sat of year	J Harmse	M Mostert	(083) 320 3169
15	Fidelity	Recess			
23	Brixton 790	1st Wed, Nov	V van Wyk	M de Jager	(082) 5793042
24	Acacia 231	2nd Thu, Nov	R Uys	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
6	Eendrag Maak Mag	1st or the 5th Sat of year.	J Harmse	M Mostert	(083) 320 3169
16	De Goede Kaap	4th Tue, Aug	L van der Linde	M Patel	(072) 419 5811
23	Brixton 790	1st Wed, Nov	I Huntley	M de Jager	(082) 5793042
24	Acacia 231	2nd Thu, Nov	R Uys	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 Sharkey 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 in 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 to elect their own First Grand Principal and MEC JJ Kroukamp, who had been the Pro First Grand Principal since 1978, was duly elected and installed as the First Grand Principal of this Supreme Grand Chapter.

During 1985 the Supreme Grand Committee introduced the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) to be awarded to any Companion who was in good standing and who had rendered exceptional service to Royal Arch Freemasonry. The Supreme Grand Chapter Regulations were duly amended and the first MSA was awarded to MEC JJ Kroukamp.

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

During 1988 MEC M Levin OSM was elected as the First Grand Principal and the first two Cryptic Councils were consecrated, namely the

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

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

During 1991 MEC HPJJ Smit was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal and by the end of 1992 Chapter Oosterlig had been consecrated in Germiston. During 1994 the Supreme Grand Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary in the De Goede Hoop temple and the then First Grand Principal, MEC N. Rudman, specifically thanked MEC Duckworth, the Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Chapter of the English Constitution and MEC Allwick, the District Grand King of the Irish Constitution for their exceptional and continued support of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa. The MSA was awarded to MEC HPJJ Smit at this occasion.

During 1997 MEC AAR Alexander OSM was elected and installed as the First Grand Principal. He was succeeded by MEC PJ Naude in 2000.

During 2004 Chapters Mutual and Bellville celebrated their Golden Jubilees in Cape Town. During this year the Provincial Grand Chapter, Central Division was integrated into the Northern Division and all Chapters in the Free State and the Kwa – Zulu Natal Provinces still fall under the jurisdiction of the Northern Division.

During 2005 the Pro First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands visited South Africa and, at the installation of Chapter De Broederband in Pretoria, he conferred the rank of Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Netherlands in South Africa on the then First Grand Principal, MEC JP Naude.

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

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

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

Shortly thereafter the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of South Africa determined that the First Grand Principal would be entitled to wear his full Royal Arch regalia to the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Lodge to confirm the close relationship which exists between the

Grand Lodge of South Africa and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa. The first dedicated office space for the Supreme

Grand Scribe E was further established in the De Goede Hoop Masonic complex in Cape Town, which has proved to be most successful.

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

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

During 2020 Chapters Eendrag Maak Mag, Johannes Truter, Dromedaris and Koh-i-Noor were prevented by the World – wide Covid Pandemic from celebrating their Golden Jubilees, which then took place during 2021. After completing two terms of office as the First Grand Principal of this Supreme Grand Chapter, MEC JJ Britz retired in 2021 and MEC

JEH Smith OSM/MSA, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, was elected as

the First Grand Principal. He was installed during February 2022 at which event he presented the MSA to MEC JJ Britz.

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 of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, 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. EC Hilton Oates, a member of Chapter Johannes Truter, was appointed and installed as the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Western Cape, English Constitution. MEC Alf Bronner, the Third Grand Principal and MEC Rex Ingle, a Grand Scribe Nehemiah, were awarded the OSM. 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.

During the 2025 Annual Convocation MEC Louis van der Linde was awarded the Meritorious Service Award (MSA).

**Annual Convocation / Jaarvergadering
07 June 2025**



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, awarded the Past Rank of Grand Principal Sojourner to EC Dino Kyriazis and the Past Rank of Grand Sword Bearer to EC Xavier Greyling and presented them with their Certificates.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, awarded the Past Rank of Grand Sword Bearer to MEC Martin Gray and presented him with his Certificate. (MEC Marius Mostert received the certificate on his behalf)



The Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC Stephane Rogovsky presented the Best Scribe Ezra for 2025 award to EC Xavier Greyling and presented him with the Floating Trophy.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA awarded the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) to MEC Louis van der Linde, the Grand Superintendent of the Southern Division and presented him with his Certificate and MSA Jewel.



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA presented MEC Gilbert Patrice Houndjo, the Deputy First Grand Principal of Benin representing MEC Mathieu B. Aim Lawson, the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin, with a gift.



MEC Gilbert Patrice Houndjo, the Deputy First Grand Principal of Benin representing MEC Mathieu B. Aim Lawson, the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Benin, presented the First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, with a gift.



*The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa
on 07 June 2025 at the Orange Grove Masonic Complex.*



**MEC / SVM Louis van der Linde
MSA / TVD
Grand Superintendent / Groot
Superintendent
Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling
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SOUTHERN DIVISION.



**ANNUAL REPORT / JAARVERSLAG
(28/09/2024-06/09/2025)**

Dear Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place; the First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson 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. Another Masonic year has flown by, and it is my honour and privilege to present this annual report.

Chapters Overview:

As at September 2025 this Provincial Grand Chapter has 104 members, comprising the following: Royal Arch members: 68, Royal Ark Mariner members: 16, Cryptic Council members: 19. This is a decline of 32 members as reported in September 2024. This is made up of 16 Honorary members having been removed from Chapter Johannes Truter's membership, the loss of 13 members by the closure of Chapter Jeffreys Bay, 7 resignations, 3 exclusions and 8 new members joining.

a. Chapter Mutual No 1 – Full membership: 19, MSA: 2, Hon: 1 Total 22

On 26 November 2024 EC Cyril Engelke was installed as MEZ, EC Anthony van Dijk as EH and MEC Avron Jacobson MSA as EJ. Unfortunately Comp Tyson Mukendi and Comp Tony Monzoto resigned and Comp Mulegwa and Comp Kapinga were excluded in December 2024.

On 24 February 2025 Comp Kelvin Irvine was Exalted to RA Mason.

On 28 April 2025 Brothers Luther Delpont, Guy Taylor and Dirk Agenbag were admitted as Mark Master Masons.

On 26 June 2025 Comp Femi Bayewu was advanced to Excellent Master.

On 25 August 2025 MEC Mahmoud Patel presented a lecture on "An Explanation of the History, Symbolism, and Meaning of the Mark Master Degree in the context of Allegories of Hiram Abiff: Exoteric and Esoteric philosophies from Christianity, Rosicrucianism, and the ancient Egyptian mystery schools." This was well researched and well received by the Companions and many questions were asked and discussed afterwards. The standard of Ritual work is very high and the MEZ, EC Cyril Engelke has committed the MEZ, the Worshipful Mark Master and the Worshipful and Excellent Master charges to memory and almost made no use of the Ritual Book during the Ceremonies. Some of the Companions also excelled and enthusiastically discharged their charges and duties during the ceremonies providing the candidates with experiences to be remembered. Attendance remains a challenge but the regular visits from the members of Chapter De Goede Kaap and their assistance during the ceremonies negated this challenge. Finances of the Chapter are well

managed by the Treasurer, MEC Stephane Rogovsky and MEC Louis van der Linde MSA is the Scribe Ezra.

b. Chapter Johannes Truter No 5 – Full membership: 11, Hon: 4 Total 13

On 24 October 2024 EC Des Buckingham was installed as the MEZ, EC Steven Botha as EH and EC Eugene Cilliers as EJ. Due to the work commitment of the retiring MEZ, EC Schultz, in De Aar the Installation was moved from September to October.

On 5 December 2024 Comp Jason Kok was advanced to Excellent Master in the usual Christmas convocation and on 13 February 2025 Comp Jason Kok was Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason. I was present at all these convocations and was able to assist where required. Some work must be done to improve the quality of the ritual but with my regular attendance there I plan to do some coaching.

On 3 July 2025 the Chapter performed the Historical Lecture, Symbolical Lecture and the Mystical Lecture of the Royal Arch Degree for Comp Jason Kok as this was not done at his Exaltation due to EC Schultz becoming ill during the ceremony and had to be rushed back to Cape Town.

Unfortunately, the Scribe Ezra and the Treasurer both resigned from their Office and thus at the BOM meeting in February 2025, EC Winston Schultz volunteered to assume those responsibilities. It took some effort to get him signed in on the G-Suite Account, Instant Accounting and the Bank account for the Chapter but once that was done, he was able to submit the Annual Returns and to identify which of the members were in arrears with their 2024 subscriptions and invoice all members for 2025 subscriptions. Membership of the Chapter reflected 35 Members but of these 21 were honorary members. This was puzzling to me and after some discussion with EC Schultz it seemed the honorary membership was awarded to members of other Constitutions to enable the Chapter to confer the Excellent Master's degree on them. Unfortunately, many of these members were never seen again. Not being a member of our constitution and thus not having to pay a membership fee or capitation, there was no commitment from them. Of these members only four qualified to be honorary members as per our Regulations and as a result the Chapter has made the decision to remove

them as honorary members and have written to them to inform them of this decision. The resignation from Companion Pieter Pienaar was also received.

I must thank all the members of this Chapter for their commitment especially considering that most members reside in Cape Town and must travel all the way to Worcester to attend.

This Chapter made a generous Charity donation to The Shelter for Abused Women in Worcester.

c. Chapter Fiat Lux No 8 – Full membership: 13, Hon: 1 Total 14

On 5 October 2024 Comps Bavershan Naidoo and Xavier Mcleod were advanced to Excellent Master Degree. This was the last convocation of the Chapter in the Port Alfred Temple. All the Chapter equipment was relocated from Port Alfred to Port Elizabeth in January 2025.

On 01 February 2025 Comps Bavershan Naidoo and Xavier Mcleod were Exalted as Royal Arch Masons. This was the first working for the Chapter in the Temple in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

On 5 April 2025 a presentation was done by the Companions on the Historical Lecture of the Royal Arch degree and explanations were given by various Companions present.

On 7 June 2025 the MEZ and Companions performed the Mystical Lectures.

On 2 August 2025 Companions Adolf and Schalk Rademeyer, previously members of Chapter Jeffreys Bay, were obligated as joining members to Chapter Fiat Lux. Thereafter Bro Wesley Regnart was admitted to the Mark Master Masons Degree.

The relocation of the Chapter to Port Elizabeth has proved to be the right move and the members are enjoying working in the Port Elizabeth Temple. As most of the members reside in Port Elizabeth and no longer have to drive all the way to Port Alfred, attendance has improved tremendously. The energy is positive and they look forward to a good Masonic year ahead as they are now attracting more members from the area. An application to join was received from EC Dennis Nienaber and he will be affiliated to the Chapter at their next convocation.

I thank the MEZ, EC Hendrik Rademeyer, for his commitment and leading of the Chapter and

keeping me updated on its affairs.

As special word of thanks to the stalwart, EC Marius Terblanche, the Scribe Ezra, for the continued diligent discharge of his duties.

As per the By-laws of the Chapter, the MEZ and Officers serve two years in office, so the next Installation convocation will be in April 2026.

d. Chapter De Goede Kaap No 16 – Full membership: 19, MSA: 1, Hon: 0 Total 20

On 20 November 2024 EC Jonathan Curtis was installed as the MEZ, EC Bradley Bordiss as EH and EC Corne Burger as EJ. The evening was well attended and the Provincial Grand Chapter team performed well. Unfortunately MEC Cobis Wilson and Comp Manny De Freitas resigned and Comp Leon Brown was excluded.

On 23 January 2025 the Chapter had a Lecture presented by MEC John Smith OSM MSA in the RA degree on the meaning and origin of the various Banners displayed in the RA Chapter and on the Platonic Bodies.

On 19 March 2025 the Chapter had an interactive discussion led by MEC John Smith OSM MSA on various aspects of Royal Arch Freemasonry.

On 19 May 2025 the Chapter admitted Bro Cornel Laubscher and Bro Neil Gargan to the Mark Master Mason degree.

On 16 July 2025 the Chapter had an interactive discussion led by MEC John Smith OSM MSA on “The Royal Arch or the York Rite”.

Under the watchful eye of MEC John Smith OSM MSA, who is the Preceptor and Preparator, and MEC Geoff Edwards OSM, who takes care of the administration and finances as Scribe Ezra and Treasurer, each convocation is a success and it is really a pleasure to visit the Companions of this Chapter. Chapter De Goede Kaap was the first Chapter to submit their Annual Returns and to pay their Capitation in full to SGRAC of SA and to this PGRAC SD. As with Chapter Mutual, attendance is also a challenge as three members reside overseas. MEC Alf Rhoodie, who is a life member, is frail and unable to attend and some who cannot attend due to work commitments. This was again negated by the visits from the members from Chapter Mutual. I would like to thank MEC Andre Germishuys who travels from Mossel Bay to Cape Town

and hardly misses a convocation.

e. De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No 16 - Full: 11, MSA 3, Hon: 2
Total 16

Unfortunately, the convocation on 26 November 2024 was cancelled due to too few members being able to attend. The resignation of MEC Cobis Wilson as Japhet and the ill health of MEC Leslie Martin was also a hindrance. However, from there it was full steam ahead and on 25 March 2025 Comp Kelvin Irvine was elevated to the degree of Royal Arch Mariner.

On 6 May 2025 an additional convocation was held to elevate EC Frank Begot, EC Jonathan Cutis and Comp Maxleigh Derman to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner.

The convocation on 24 June 2025 was postponed to 01 July 2025 when MEC Geoff Edwards OSM and Comp Kelvin Irvine were knighted as Knights of the Sword.

On 22 July 2025 another additional convocation was held to knight EC Jonathan Curtis as a Knight of the Sword.

On 26 August 2025 would have been the Installation, but the members decided that MEC Louis van der Linde MSA should remain as the Commander Noah for a third term. Instead, EC Frank Begot and Comp Maxleigh Dermon were knighted as Knights of the Sword. The attendance was excellent, and the Companions enthusiastically acted out their roles during the ceremony.

As MEC Stephane Rogovsky has relocated to Dubai, it was necessary to replace him as the Recorder. MEC Mahmoud Patel volunteered to attend to the Minutes of the meetings, but it was agreed that MEC Louis van der Linde MSA would tend to all other administration. I thank MEC Rogovsky for his role in securing candidates and his efforts during the year.

It was a real blessing when MEC Geoff Edwards OSM volunteered to be the Treasurer and since then, the finances of the Lodge have been updated on Instant Accounting and finally the outstanding dues were all collected and all creditors were paid.

A special word of thanks to MEC John Smith OSM MSA for his role in mentoring all the members, his advice given and for his diligent discharge of his duty as the Conductor in all our convocations.

I also need to thank EC Hilton Oates, EC Winston Shultz, EC Desmond Buckingham, EC Rex Tester and EC Steven Botha from the English Constitution for their regular visits and assistance in our convocations during this rebuilding phase of the Royal Ark Mariners Order in the Southern Division after the effect of Covid.

It has also become an unspoken tradition for MEC Mahmoud Patel, during the informal Festive Boards, to give us a short expose on the history of the degree performed during the convocation, its meaning and the moral lessons to be learnt.

f. Bellville Cryptic Council No2 – Full membership: 14, MSA: 3 Hon: 2 Total 19

A convocation was held on 22 October 2024 and Comp Carel Du Preez was chosen as a Select Master. There was no further activity for the Council for 2024 as per its By-Laws. Unfortunately, MEC Cobis Wilson resigned and that left the important office of Deputy Master vacant.

The convocation for 25 February 2025 to honour MEC Geoff Edwards OSM and EC Frank Begot as Royal Masters had to be postponed to March 2025 due to most of the key Officers for the degree being either out of country, out of town, ill or work and family commitments preventing them to attend. On 29 April 2025 MEC Geoff Edwards OSM and EC Frank Begot were finally honoured as Royal Masters.

On 27 May 2025 Comp Kelvin Irvine, Comp Carel Du Preez and Comp Hein Mulder were chosen as Select Masters.

On 22 July 2025 EC Jonathan Curtis, Comp Carel Du Preez, Kelvin Irvine and Comp Hein Mulder were honoured as Royal Masters in a very well performed convocation.

On 29 July 2025 an additional convocation was held to receive and acknowledge MEC Geoff Edwards OSM, EC Malcolm Gessler, Comp Kelvin Irvine and Comp Carel Du Preez as Most Excellent Masters and thereafter to greet them as Super Excellent Masters. Although only MEC John Smith OSM MSA, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, MEC Mahmoud Patel and MEC Louis van der Linde MSA were able to attend the convocation, we decided to continue with both ceremonies and the candidates received well performed and well executed

ceremonies. They all expressed their appreciation and stated that it was an experience they will never forget. They have all committed themselves to be as enthusiastic in the next convocation on 28 October 2025 when we intend to perform the Most Excellent Master and Super Excellent Master degrees for EC Frank Begot, EC Corne Burger, EC Cyril Engelke, Comp Hein Mulder and EC Jonathan Curtis.

The rebuilding of the Cryptic Council Order in the Southern Division since Covid has been slow and sometimes challenging but has now picked up momentum. As with the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners, I need to thank MEC John Smith OSM MSA for his role in mentoring all the members, his advice given and for his diligent discharge of his duty as the Conductor in all our convocations.

As MEC Stephane Rogovsky was the Recorder and has relocated to Dubai, EC Malcolm Gessler volunteered to take over those duties and MEC Geoff Edwards OSM again volunteered to take over as Treasurer. Since then the finances of the Council have been updated on Instant Accounting and the outstanding dues have been collected and all creditors have been paid. My sincere thanks to both EC Malcolm Gessler and MEC Geoff Edwards OSM for your efforts.

Thank you also to MEC Mahmoud Patel for giving us a short expose on the history of the degrees performed during the convocation, its meaning and the moral lessons to be learnt at the informal Festive Boards.

The members of the Council have decided that the Thrice Illustrious Master, MEC Louis van der Linde MSA must continue for a third term and thus there will be no Installation convocation in October 2025.

Administration:

I wish to extend the Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Divisions' sincere thanks and best wishes for the future to MEC Stephane Rogovsky. Our administration was in his capable hands as the Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra despite being the Grand Scribe Ezra and despite his demanding work situation. He and I have worked well together and were regularly in communication. With the new career he is pursuing, it had become

increasingly more difficult for him to attend to the administration. In the interim, I attended to some of the administration. With his relocation to Dubai, it was necessary for me to find a replacement and I am proud to announce that Comp Avron Lucas of Chapter De Goede Kaap has volunteered to become the Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra as a Companion of Talent. Comp Avron Lucas will soon be installed as a Principal of Chapter De Goede Kaap but will remain an Acting Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra until such time as he becomes an MEZ as per the Supreme Grand Chapter Regulations and the Provincial Grand Chapter By-laws.

Finances:

At the end of 2023, MEC Dawie van Rooyen relocated to George and agreed to assist in this position for one more year and I needed to find a Companion to take over from him soon and for this reason I had appointed EC Anthony van Dijk as the Assistant Provincial Grand Treasurer, being a Companion of Talent. However, EC van Dijk was overcommitted at the time by being the Treasurer for several Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodge and managing his own accounting business. I raised my concern during a Supreme Grand Committee Meeting in February 2025 that our Finances might fall behind and MEC Brandon Topham OSM promptly volunteered to assist as Acting Treasurer. Our finances are up to date and well managed and I thank him most sincerely for this. Our Capitation to Supreme Grand Chapter has been paid and almost all debtors have been collected. I have recently had discussions with EC Anthony van Dijk and he will be taking over full responsibility of the finances as soon as he is installed as the MEZ of Chapter Mutual.

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 2024 and will do so again this year. Whenever we were invited to an installation, we

tried to send a Representative to attend and I thank EC Stephane Rogovsky who represented me on several occasions.

We also attended the Annual Convocations of the District Mark Masons and the Royal Ark Mariners of the English Constitution Western Division and I was accompanied by the 2nd Grand Principal, MEC Mahmoud Patel and the PG Standard Bearer, EC Jonathan Curtis.

EC Hendrik Rademeyer represented me at the Annual Convocations of the District Mark Masons and the Royal Ark Mariners of the English Constitution Eastern Cape Division.

In the process of rebuilding the Bellville Cryptic Council and the De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, we often had to rely on the help of the Companions from the English Constitution, and I would like to thank EC Haiko Ruperti-Campbell, EC Des Buckingham, EC Rex Tester, EC Winston Shultz and EC Hilton Oates for their assistance.

In this new Masonic year we shall endeavour to continue our fraternal bonds and visit our sister constitutions more in the future.

General:

On 07 June 2025 I attended the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division in Orange Grove followed by the Annual Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of South Africa and, as always, we were warmly received and enjoyed the celebrations with our Companions from up country. On Friday 06 June 2025 we were treated to a Formal Festive Board with generous hospitality and delightful companionship from the Companions of the Northern Division which has left me with many pleasant memories. It is the most enjoyable experience to meet up again with so many of my Companions who are largely responsible for the success of Royal Arch Freemasonry.

A huge thank you to all involved in the arrangements of the different events and I am looking forward to visiting you again soon. Specifically, I would like to thank MEC Brian Masencamp and his wife for the splendid meal that was provided and Mrs Angela Mostert for her part in all the preparations.

I also thank the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division, MEC Marius Mostert, for his friendship and

always being willing to transport the visitors from this Division to and from the airport to our accommodation or the Temple. I also congratulate him on his appointment and installation as the Provincial Grand Master of the Northern Division and we wish him much success during his term in office,

The resignation of MEC Cobis Wilson left a vacancy of my Second Principal. I therefore requested the First Grand Principal to approve the appointment of EC Malcolm Gessler as my Second Principal and EC Frank Begot as my Third Principal. Later today EC Malcolm Gessler will be installed as the Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge Southern Division and as both the Craft and the Royal Arch Orders are dear to him, the fraternal relationship between the two orders will be significantly and beneficially strengthened. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment and wish him well for his term in office.

This Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter and its Members have supported the Grand Masters Biscuit drive in December 2024 and we donated more than 50kg of Biscuits. Further to this, we continue to support the Masonic Homes Project of the Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Division and will again pledge R5000,00. I am also aware of Contributions from Chapter De Goede Kaap and Chapter Mutual. Provincial Grand Chapter Southern Division, Chapter De Goede Kaap, Chapter Mutual, Bellville Cryptic Council and De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners Lodge have all placed a quarter page advert in the Spring Ball Magazine and many of our members will attend the Spring Ball tonight.

Conclusion:

My sincere appreciation and thanks to our First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA, for your advice when needed and your trust in me. Thank you for honouring me with the Meritorious Service Award and I can assure you of my continued commitment and service to the Royal Arch under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Africa.

The Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter Southern Division is a happy place and the active members enjoy participating in the activities of the Chapters, Cryptic Council and

RAM Lodge. Visiting between the Chapters has resulted in many Companions becoming friends and spending quality and fun filled times together.

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.

I thank my wife Debbie for supporting me with my Masonic journey and allowing me the freedom to enjoy the Royal-Arch Order.

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 MSA
Grand Superintendent (SD)**

Officers Southern Division 2025-2026 / Ampsdraers Suidelike Afdeling 2025-2026

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	Malcolm Gessler	Tweede Prinsipaal
Third Principal	Frank Begot	Derde Prinsipaal
Scribe Ezra	*(Avron Lucas)	Skriba Ezra
Asst. Scribe Ezra	EC Cyril Engelke	Asst. Skriba Ezra
Scribe Nehemiah	Hendrik Rademeyer	Skriba Nehemia
Treasurer	*(Brandon Topham OSM)	Tesourier
Asst. Treasurer	*(Anthony van Dijk)	Asst. Tesourier
Master of Ceremonies	Hilton Oates	Seremoniemeester
Master of Ceremonies	Steven Botha	Seremoniemeester
Principal Sojourner	Winston Shultz	Hoof Besoeker
Second Sojourner	Vacant / Vakant	Tweede Besoeker
Third Sojourner	Vacant / Vakant	Derde Besoeker
Almoner	*(Andre Germishuys)	Aalmoesener
Standard Bearer	Jonathan Curtis	Vaandel Draer
Janitor	Alex Costopoulos	Deurwagter

***Acting**



The Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter Southern Division held at the Phiroze Gorralla Temple, Cape Town on 06 September 2025.



*Chapter Johannes Truter No5. (Installation of EC Desmond Buckingham as MEZ, EC Steven Botha as EH and EC Eugene Cilliers(absent) as EJ)
03 October 2025*



**MEC / SVM Marius Mostert.
Grand Superintendent /
Groot Superintendent
Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling
2023-**

**ANNUAL REPORT / JAAR VERSLAG
(01 JUNE 2024 –07 JUNE 2025)**

The Grand Master, Most Worshipfull Brother Godfrey Stuart Place, Most Excellent Companion Avron Jacobson (The

First Grand Principal), Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, and

Companions all, It is with sincere gratitude and honour that I present my Annual Report for the year ending 7 June 2025.

Introduction:

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the unwavering support and assistance I have received in my role as Grand Superintendent. Without this team's vision, mission, and dedication, I would have been lost.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL RCH
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NORTHERN DIVISION



The rocky and rugged road we embarked upon together at the beginning of 2023 has now become a more navigable gravel path—and it is now time to tar that road.

Obituaries:

Let us pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of those Companions, and their loved ones, who have passed from this material world.

We honour the memory of the following Companions who had been called to join the Chapter beyond human hands:

- *EC Brian Wickens* – Chapter Amajuba No. 27
- *MEC John Harmse* – Chapter Fidelity No. 15

Membership Overview:

As of June 2025:

- Paid Members: 197
- Total Members: 223

This reflects a slight decrease from June 2024, where we recorded 220 paid

members and 227 in total—a net loss of 3 members, due to financial and personal reasons.

Chapters Overview:

- **Chapter Unie No.3**
Full: 11, Total: 14. Installation held 08 February 2025.
- **Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Council No.6.** Full: 8, Total: 13. Installation postponed till 2026.
- **Eendrag Maak Mag RAM No.6.**
Full: 12, Total: 12. Installation postponed till 2026.
- **Chapter Orange No.12.**
Full: 16, Total: 16. Installation held 17 May 2025.
- **Chapter Horeb No.13.**
Full: 15, Total: 18. Installation held 14 September 2024.
- **Chapter Witbank No.14.**
Full: 3, Total: 3. Installation postponed till 2025.
- **Chapter Fidelity No.15.**
Full: 25, Total: 27. Installation held 24 August 2024.
- **Chapter Brixton No.23.**
Full: 18, Total: 22. Installation held 2 October 2024.
- **Brixton Cryptic Council No.23.**
Full: 16 Total: 16. Installation postponed to 2026.
- **Brixton RAM No.23.**
Full: 15 Total: 15. Installation held 6 November 2024.
- **Chapter Acacia No.24.**
Full: 23, Total: 26. Installation postponed till 2025.
- **Acacia Cryptic Council No.24.**
Full: 16 Total: 17. Installation postponed till 2026.

- **Acacia RAM No.24.**
Full: 12 Total: 12. Installation held 6 November 2024.
- **Chapter Golden Thistle No.25.**
Full: 0, Total: 0. Chapter in recess.
- **Amajuba No.27.**
Full: 7 Total: 7. Installation held 25 January 2025.

Chapter Highlights:

The established *Chapter Unie No.3* is showing steady growth. Special thanks go to *MEC Alf Bronner, MEC Johan Britz, EC Xavier Greyling* (now a member), and *MEC Brian Masencamp* for their outstanding support in this effort.

I extend sincere appreciation to *EC Xavier Greyling*, our Provincial Scribe Ezra, for his excellent record-keeping and communication management, as well as to *MEC Martin Gray* and *EC Dino Kyriazis*, my Deputy, for his tireless work and commitment.

To all who assisted with the installations and willingly stepped in when needed—thank you. Your dedication is deeply appreciated.

Financial Report:

I am pleased to report that the Northern Division's finances have stabilized following previous difficulties in 2023. Through cost-reduction measures and prudent management, we remained within budget this year.

All accounts have been compiled by *MEC Brandon Topham OSM*, a Chartered Accountant, whose service is gratefully acknowledged.

The financial statements are available for review at the Scribe Ezra's desk and are attached to this report.

General Reflections & Initiatives:

This marks my third and final official convocation as Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division. I wish to reflect briefly on our journey:

- **New Logo Initiative:**

We undertook a redesign of the *Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter Northern Division* logo, with enhanced colours and visual appeal. It has been approved by the Executive Committee and will now be used on all official documents.

I thank *Brother Fernando Carvalho*, still a Fellow Craft in the GLSA, for his creative contribution.

- **Operational Successes:**

We successfully submitted annual returns and fulfilled all financial obligations. Gratitude goes to *EC Xavier Greyling* and *EC Dino Kyriazis* for their patience and persistent efforts.

- **Ongoing Challenges:**

Some Chapters are struggling to attract new members. As a result, *Golden Thistle* has been placed in recess, and *Witbank* may follow, especially after the loss of *MEC John Harmse*, who had been instrumental in its development. Several Chapters remain outstanding on capitation fees and need FICA-compliant banking details. We will assist them through the next period.

- **Charity:**

The Northern Division donated R5,000 to the Spring Ball (September 2024). Several Chapters also participated in the GLSA Cookie Challenge in December 2024.

Personal Note:

Many of us joined Freemasonry driven by an inner yearning—what that may be, only you can define. Sadly, some see it as a title-collecting exercise, while others seek to control rather than serve. I am proud to say that, in our division, decisions are made *as a team*, and the spirit of cooperation is strong. *There is no “I” in team.*

Closing:

I extend my deepest thanks to every Companion in the Northern Division for your dedication and zeal. Without your energy, our division would not function.

To all *Provincial Officers*: your unwavering loyalty to the Royal Arch has been inspirational.

To my wife *Angela*: thank you for your understanding and support in allowing me to pursue this work—your patience and encouragement have meant everything.

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

MEC Marius Mostert.

Grand Superintendent (ND).

Officers Northern Division 2025-2026 / Ampsdraers Noordelike Afdeling 2025-2026

Office Name	Officer	Amps Naam
Grand Superintendent	Marius Mostert	Groot Superintendent
Dep. Grand Superintendent	Dino Kyriazis	Adj. Groot Superintendent
Asst. Grand Superintendent	Michiel Victor	Asst. Groot Superintendent
Asst. Grand Superintendent	Martin Gray	Asst. Groot Superintendent
PG Second Principal	Huntly Macpherson	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Second Principal	Marianus De Jager	PG Tweede Prinsipaal
PG Third Principal	Reyaan Uys	PG Derde Prinsipaal

PG Third Principal	David Powell	PG Derde Prinsipaal
PG Scribe Ezra	Xavier Greyling	PG Skriba Esra
Asst. PG Scribe Ezra	Allen Tshabangu	Asst. PG Skriba Esra
PG Treasurer	*Brandon Topham OSM	PG Tesourier
Asst. PG Treasurer	Jeannot Boussougouth	Asst. PG Tesourier
PG Scribe Nehemiah	Ian Huntly	PG Skriba Nehemia
PG Master of Ceremonies	Leroyd Bergsteedt	PG Seremoniemeester
Asst. PG Master of Ceremonies	Kevin Smith	Asst. PG Seremoniemeester
PG Principal Sojourner	Allen Tshabangu	PG Hoof Besoeker
PG Second Sojourner	Jeannot Boussougouth	PG Tweede Besoeker
PG Third Sojourner	Vic Kumm	PG Derde Besoeker
PG Almoner	Martin Gray	PG Almoesener

- Acting.



*Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter Northern Division.
(Officers for 2025/2026 only) 07 June 2025.*



The Grand Superintendent, MEC Marius Mostert with his newly Invested Assistant Grand Superintendents, MEC Martin Gray and EC Michiel Victor. 07 June 2025.



*The Grand Superintendent, MEC Marius Mostert Invested his Third Principal, EC Reyaan Uys and presented him with his Sceptre.
07 June 2025*

**Other Events during the Year / Ander Gebeurtenisse
gedurende die Jaar.**



*Chapter Amajuba 316 No. 27 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of EC Liam Smit as MEZ, EC Stephen Smith as EH and EC Mandla Maseko as EJ)
25 January 2025*



*Chapter Unie No.3 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of
MEC Alf Bronner as MEZ, John Cambanis as EH and EC Alan MacGillivray as EJ)
08 February 2025*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No. 23 Regular Convocation. (Exaltation for Comp. David
Kochukov to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, pictured here with MEZ Willem Ackerman, EH
Duncan Hardie and EJ Leo Gerber)
02 April 2025*



Bellville Cryptic Council No 2 (MEC Geoff Edwards OSM and EC Frank Begot were honored to the degree of Royal Master). 29 April 2025



De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners No.16 (EC Frank Begot, EC Jonathan Curtis and Comp Maxleigh Derman were elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mason.). 06 May 2025



Chapter De Goede Kaap No. 16. (Brother Neil Gargan and Brother Marthinus Laubscher were admitted to the degree of Mark Master Mason). 21 May 2025



*Chapter Orange No. 12 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of MEC Pieter Pretorius as MEZ, Charl Palm as EH and EC Clive Richter stood in for EC Greef Meintjies as EJ who tendered his apology)
17 May 2025*



*Bellville Cryptic council No.2 (Companions Hein Mulder, Kelvin Irvine and Maxleigh Derman were chosen to the degree of Select Master)
27 May 2025*



De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners No 16 (MEC Geoff Edwards OSM and Comp Kelvin Irvine were knighted to the degree of Knight of the Sword)

01 July 2025



Chapter Acacia 231 No. 24 Regular Convocation. (Exaltation for Comp. Arthur Luck to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, pictured here with MEZ Reyaan Uys and his father Comp. Willie Luck)

07 July 2025



Chapter Acacia 231 No. 24 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of MEC Reyaan Uys as MEZ, Huntly Macpherson as EH and EC Samuel Zwane as EJ). 14 August 2025



Chapter Fidelity no 15 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of EC Jeannot Boussougouth as MEZ, EC Allen Tshabangu as EH and MEC Rex Ingle OSM as EJ) 25 August 2025



*De Goede Kaap Royal Ark Mariners No.16 (EC Frank Begot and Comp Maxleigh Derman were knighted to the degree of Knight of the Sword).
26 August 2025*



*Chapter Brixton 790 No. 23 Regular Convocation. (Exaltation for Comp. Costa Spyridis to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, pictured here with MEZ Willem Ackerman and EJ Leo Gerber).
03 September 2025*



Chapter Horeb No. 13 (Installation of EC Chris Bowles as MEZ, EC Xavier Greyling as EH and EC Wesley vanDyk as EJ) 20 September 2025



Chapter Fidelity No. 15 (Comp Nic Tallarico and Comp Petrus van der Walt were advanced to the degree of Excellent Master, pictured here with MEZ Jeannot Boussougouth.) 22 September 2025



Bellville Cryptic Council No.2 (EC Jonathan Curtis, Comp Carel Du Preez and Comp Kelvin Irvine were honored to the degree of Royal Master.). 22 July 2025



*Chapter Horeb No. 13 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of EC Marianus de Jager as MEZ, EC Leo Gerber as EH and EC Spiro Angelides as EJ)
01 October 2025*



*Acacia 231 Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 24 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of
EC Reyaan Uys as WCN & MEC)
13 November 2025*



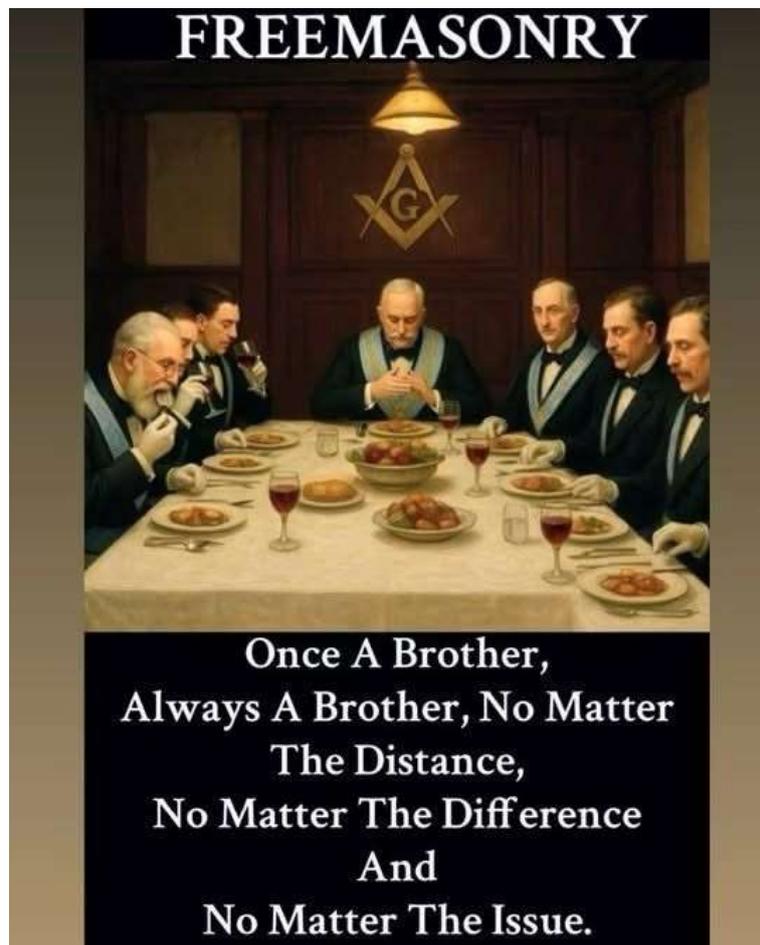
*Acacia 231 Cryptic Council No. 24 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of EC
Reyaan Uys as TIM)
13 November 2025*



*Brixton 790 Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 23 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of
EC Ian Huntly as WCN&MEC)
Brixton 790 Cryptic Council No. 23 Installation. (Obligation and Investiture of
MEC Vernon van Wyk as TIM)
03 December 2025*



The First Grand Principal, MEC Avron Jacobson MSA and his fiancée Megan Lentz joined the Royal Arch Masons of the Southern Division on the Ceres Rail Company Train trip to Elgin Market on 15 November 2025.



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SUID AFRIKA

ORDE VAN VRYMESSELARY
ONDER DIE OPPERRAAD VAN
DIE 33° EN LAASTE GRAAD/AN
DIE ALOUE EN AANGENOME
SKOTSE RITUS VIR SUID AFRIKA



SUPREME COUNCIL
FOR SOUTH AFRICA

ORDER OF FREEMASONRY UNDER
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33°
AND LAST DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT
AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OR
SOUTH AFRICA

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR SOUTH AFRICA AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025.

Message from the Sovereign Grand Commander.



*The Sovereign Grand Commander Most Puissant Bro Victor Mühlenbeck 33° at
the XXI World Conference – Bucharest May 2025.*

Brethren and Distinguished Members,

I had in May 2025, the distinct privilege of representing our Supreme Council at the 21st World Conference of Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which was

held in Bucharest, Romania from May 7 to 11, 2025. Seated alongside over 50 foreign Sovereign Grand Commanders at the Plenary Sessions, and being invited to contribute, made

me realise that all our efforts to continue building on our Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa, is indeed a privilege and an obligation.

I just wished that our entire executive team could have been present, even as observers, to realise how highly we are thought of in our efforts at standing up for amity and our rightful place, our continued efforts in each of the regions to be the best we can be, and how proud I was to represent my Supreme Council and my country, South Africa. The experience left me with a positive emotional contagion of the essential role of the lessons taught in the Rituals of our AASR. In particular, it was a pleasure to privately interact with the Sovereign Grand Commanders and Grand Secretary Generals of the Supreme Councils of England and Wales and Scotland at the World Conference, which respectively have Supreme Council activities in South Africa and I can report that the relationships and respect is gratifying. I was pleased to confirm that the collaboration and community partnerships which were formed still operate in good spirit and trust.

We all carry a sense of pride of being members of the AASR for SA, yet I remain unconvinced that our efforts to grow the membership is at a stage where we can feel confident of our stated objectives.

We have the most enriching spiritual lessons in all of our nine degrees, and we have developed a truly world-class education system to enhance these virtues, that applied and executed with



habit.”

purpose and meaning, will shine a light to all the Freemasons in this country. The fact that we offer so much value and truth to your journey of growth and learning, our Supreme Council should be unstoppable. To quote Aristotle “*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a*

As I come closer to the end of my three-year term, I address our members with a profound sense of gratitude and pride in all that we, as a united body of Freemasonry, have achieved, guided by our timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, which form the backbone of the Rite’s purpose and identity.

This year has been one of transformative growth and unwavering dedication. Across South Africa, our Chapters and Consistories have continued to exemplify the virtues that define Freemasonry, fortifying the bonds of fellowship, extending our charitable endeavours to those in need, and advancing our commitment to moral and intellectual excellence. In our efforts, we have seen the light of Freemasonry shine ever brighter, illuminating the lives of those within and beyond our sacred brotherhood.

Notable among our accomplishments are the successful execution of numerous degree workings, considering that in total our Supreme Council work nine degrees and a further education in nineteen degrees conferred, and we made commendable strides in promoting Masonic education and mentorship. Our membership has grown steadily, attracting individuals who resonate deeply with the ideals of Philosophical Freemasonry and seek to be active participants in its noble cause. These achievements are a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of our Brethren, whose tireless efforts have reinforced the foundations of our fraternity.

As we stand at the threshold of the change of leadership, we carry forward the momentum of our successes with renewed vigour and optimism. Let us continue to embrace our principles as a guiding light in all our endeavours. I urge each of you to look to the future with an unwavering commitment to strengthening our institutions, expanding our charitable impact, and nurturing the next generation of Freemasons seeking more light. Together, we have the power to create a lasting legacy and ensure that our Supreme Council continues to flourish in South Africa and beyond.



*World Conference
sub-committee members..*

The Executive of the Supreme Council as of December 2025.

MP Bro Victor Muhlenbeck *Sovereign Grand Commander*
 Puissant Bro Simon Nash *Lieutenant Grand Commander*
 M. Ill Bro Frans Roodt *Grand Prior and Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Eastern Region*
 M. Ill Bro Henry Selzer *Grand Secretary General*
 M. Ill Bro John Smith *Grand Chancellor*
 M. Ill Bro Juan de Villiers *Grand Treasurer General*
 M. Ill Bro Geoff Edwards *Grand Minister of State*
 M. Ill Bro Nowellyn Van Vuuren *Grand Master of Ceremonies and Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Eastern Cape*
 M. Ill Bro Reuven Coenen *Grand Orator*
 M. Ill Bro Alf Bronner *Grand Almoner*
 Puissant Bro Johan Britz *Grand Captain of the Guard*
 M. Ill Bro Marcel de Kock *Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Central Region*
 M. Ill Bro Rex Ingle *Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Northern Region*

Changes in Executive roles.

Each of the executive roles, including those of the Executive Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and the respective specialist Committee Chairmen have taken well to their respective tasks which augers well for the future of the Supreme Council for South Africa.

In particular, I wish to thank Puissant Brother Cornis van Zyl who, in his capacity as Lieutenant Grand Commander, faithfully served our Supreme Council for several years. He has taken on tasks and obligations that portray his commitment to the AASR for SA and now that their emigration to the United States of America is imminent I have accepted his resignation, knowing full well that he will be a wonderful ambassador for South African Freemasonry abroad. Puissant Bro Van Zyl will continue to manage the Technology and Social Media Committee, a task he can execute with modern technology from anywhere in the world he finds himself.

Following on consultation with a number of the executive members, the Sovereign Grand Commander appointed Most Illustrious Bro Simon Nash as the Lieutenant Grand Commander necessitating the appointment of Most Illustrious Bro Rex Ingle as the Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Northern Region in full confidence that both Brethren, being experienced in leadership, would apply themselves to the task to ensure that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa will continue to grow and serve its members with distinction.

Progress requires commitment, collaboration, and adaptability. By prioritizing the needs of your members, fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement, and embracing innovation, we remain committed to creating a thriving and impactful Order for our members.

YEAR IN REVIEW.

World Conference.

The Supreme Council of South Africa, being in amity with Supreme Councils from across the Masonic world, was invited to attend the XXI World Conference of the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to be held in Bucharest, Romania from the 7-11 May 2025.

It was a lifetime experience to represent our Supreme Council at this World Conference and the theme, “The Scottish Rite: Challenges, Opportunities and Possible Solutions!” proved to be a pertinent discussion point affecting Freemasonry as a whole. The host Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Puissant Brother Stelian Nistor made the point to express the view that, “These differences leave their nuanced mark on the specific evolution of each Supreme Council. The World Conference in Bucharest offered a solid reason to be not only in the same place, but also to be all together in identifying and recognizing that we have not only

achievements, but also some common problems, and that we could all participate in finding concrete solutions. It could be a historic moment in the AASR.”

It was a particular privilege to be invited by the hosts to represent our Supreme Council and our country in the position of a member of the Places and Dates Committee of the World Conference of Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Most Puissant and Illustrious Brother Stelian Nistor and his team have been exemplary, ensuring that the event was a resounding success.

The harmony, organization, and distinguished presence of the Supreme Council of Romania in Romanian civil society have been clearly recognized, and we commend your steadfast commitment to promoting unity, integrity, and fraternal concord within Freemasonry.

General Meeting of our Supreme Council.

On 11 July 2025 we convened for our general meeting in Johannesburg. At the meeting the following awards were bestowed :

Floating Trophy for excellence in service to AASR : Awarded to Illustrious Brethren Ian Huntley and Eric Dyer for their dedicated work on the Education Programme.



**Certificate of
Appreciation : Awarded
to Illustrious Bro
Machiel Combrinck.**

Meritorious Award : Bestowed on Most Illustrious Bro Henry Selzer for his contributions from 2018 to date to advance international recognition for our Supreme Council and the concomitant Amity Agreements which followed.



33° Degree Exaltation.

On the evening of 11 July 2025, a 33rd degree exaltation took place for Most Illustrious Bro Juan de Villiers 33°, and he was installed as Grand Treasurer General, an acting role he performed with aplomb alongside Puissant Bro Simon Nash for almost two years. Very Illustrious Bro Dennis Nienaber 33° was also exalted to the 33° at the meeting and he has

been appointed as the Grand Administrator of the Supreme Council. The Exaltation meeting was well attended including fraternal visiting from Very Illustrious Brethren Richard Gibson, David Hudson-Lamb, Mario Swarts and Paul Smit of the Central Region Branch Council of Scotland.



*Annual General Meeting and 33rd Degree Exaltation at Park Lane Masonic Centre.
11 July 2025*

Grand Lodge Chains Conference.

It was with great humility that I was invited by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa to join him at the annual Chains (Leadership) Conference which took place at Horizon Stables in Bloemfontein on Friday 28 February 2025.

Mapped on the deliberations of the previous Craft World Conference in Mexico in 2024, the

topics proved to be challenging and interesting, and it was a privilege to engage this subject alongside our Craft leadership.

It is also our privilege to have conducted the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa into our Supreme Council Chapter Prosperitas.

Changes in the 18th Degree Ritual.

On the 10th of December 2025, the executive met in a prescribed Zoom conference, to enable an informed decision on whether the NEW or the ORIGINAL 18th degree, was going to be used going forward, as the introduction of the new 18th Degree had not been fully adopted by all the regions. In order to ensure familiarity with both rituals, the Southern Region was granted access to the equipment to perform the ritual and experience firsthand the NEW 18th degree. The Executive voted unanimously (with 11 members present and 4 apologies), on a final

decision with reference to the NEW vs EXISTING 18th degree ritual. The votes were cast and out of 13 Executive members that voted, it was UNANIMOUSLY voted to utilise the EXISTING 18th DEGREE.

As Chapter EMM had already prepared for an 18th degree working in January 2026, permission was granted to perform the NEW 18th degree one last time. All Brethren of the Executive supported the request.

Charitable Activities.

The Supreme Council, in line with its objectives as a non-profit organisation, supports and promotes worthy charitable initiatives and during the year under review furthered this aim via philanthropic efforts, community service projects, and donations spear headed by its various Chapters and Consistories. In practice

the charitable work is performed via the members of the various Chapters and Consistories on behalf of the Supreme Council. The specific charitable work is reported on in the Regional Reports of the ESGIG for each region.

Shriners South Africa.

The establishment of a Shriners Chapter in South Africa has been ably overseen by its appointed chairman Illustrious Bro (Dr.) Maxwell Matjane. There has been a long dialogue with the Mahi Shriners spanning over two years with reference to the Shriners subscription fees which are paid in dollars and

with the US/RSA exchange rate, the joining and annual fees for Shriners would be prohibitive for members to join. At a meeting of the Executive of the Supreme Council held on 25 November 2025 it was unanimously resolved by all in attendance, to not proceed with the Shriners Chapter in South Africa.

REGIONAL REPORTS FOR 2025.

NORTHERN REGION.

(PRESENTED BY M. ILL. BRO REX INGLE 33° & PUISSANT BRO SIMON NASH 33°).

With the appointment of Most Illustrious Brother Juan de Villiers as the new Grand Treasurer following his exaltation to the Supreme Council, Most Illustrious Brother Simon Nash was appointed to assume the office of the Ex. SGIG for the Northern Region from August 1st

Subsequently, with the resignation of the Lt. Grand Commander, M. Ill. Bro Simon Nash was appointed to the role of Lieutenant Grand Commander. With this change, Most Illustrious Brother Rex Ingle took on responsibility as the Northern Region Ex. SGIG.

The 2025 Masonic year was a busy one for the Northern Region with a total of 24 workings across the four Chapters and Consistories during the year and the appointment of a new Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

A decision was made in 2024 to have each of the Chapters specialise in just one of the degrees, with Chapters Prosperitas and Ortu Phoenix delivering the 4th degree, Chapter Koh-I-Noor delivering the 14th degree and Chapter EMM focussing on the 18th Degree. The reason for this decision was to give the Chapters the

opportunity to improve the quality of the ritual delivered and encourage visitation between Chapters in the region.

With a total of nine new Secret Masters, including the memorable initiation of the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, both Chapter Ortu Phoenix and Chapter Prosperitas were able to deliver memorable experiences to the newest members of the region. It is noteworthy that Chapter Prosperitas initiated two new members during the year and has been able to consolidate its future in the process.

Chapter Ortu Phoenix had Venerable Bro Gerhardus Nortje installed as MWS and also improved the standard of workings under his leadership. Sadly, the Chapter lost Venerable Bro Gerhard Muller to the Eternal East in the last quarter.

Chapter Koh-I-Noor experienced the loss of MWS CJ Cornelius due to work pressures but has been flourishing under the leadership of Illustrious Bro Reyaan Uys and delivers a memorable 14th degree working for six new Perfect Scots Masters.



Obligation of Puissant Bro Simon Nash as Lieutenant Grand Commander and Most Ill Bro Rex Ingle as Executive Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Northern Region. Chapter Koh-I-Noor, November 2025.

Chapter EMM gave 4 new Knights of the Rose Croix a worthy introduction to the 18th degree and the installation of the new MWS, Illustrious Bro Achille Katumbay took place in the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander and visiting members of the Supreme Council for Scotland.

EASTERN CAPE REGION.
(PRESENTED BY M. ILL. BRO NOWELLYN VAN VUUREN.)

The year 2025 in review for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Eastern Cape Division, was one that was not without its challenges. Despite these, the members demonstrated commendable resolve, unity, and commitment to the principles and teachings of the Rite.

The year commenced with the resignation of Brother Hein Buys, for personal reasons of faith. Each individual walks his own path, and his decision was respected.

In May 2025, the Eastern Cape performed an 18th degree working for Brothers Wesley Regnart and Martin Gietz. This working was conducted with due solemnity and was well received by those in attendance.

At the end of June, we received the sad news that Very Illustrious Brother Vitorio Tabanelli had passed to the Eternal East. His passing was felt deeply within the Province, and we pause to honour his contribution and memory.

During July, we attended the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite General Meeting held in Johannesburg. It was during this meeting that Illustrious Brother Dennis Anton Nienaber had the great honour of being invested with the 33rd degree by Sovereign Grand Commander Brother Victor Mühlenbeck. This distinction is received with humility and a deep sense of responsibility.

Notwithstanding this, the Eastern Cape was well represented at the General Meeting, with nine members in attendance, reflecting the Province's ongoing engagement and commitment at national level.

During August, we held our biennial

Last, but not least, Consistory EMM advanced 3 brethren to the 30th degree and 3 to the 31st degree in dignified workings, also attended by visiting brethren from the Supreme Council for Scotland.

Installation Ceremony for both the Chapter and Consistory. The Chapter affirmed the Most Wise Sovereign as Illustrious Brother Angus Venter, who had been acting in this role following the resignation of Brother Herdus Snyman in 2024. Illustrious Brother Paul West succeeded me as Eminent Commander of the Consistory.

In September, eight members of the Eastern Cape attended a 9th degree working in Cape Town, during which several of our Brethren participated in the reworked degree. The response from those involved was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing deep appreciation for the renewed impact of this profound and meaningful degree.

The 9th degree is indeed a special degree, and one that every Scottish Rite Mason should experience, irrespective of current rank or degree held.

At our October meeting, M. Ill Bro Nienaber presented a lecture aimed at encouraging the Brethren not only to study the degrees that are actively worked, but also to engage with those that are less frequently encountered, thereby deepening their understanding of the Rite as a whole. The year concluded with the submission of an application from one of the Scottish Rite Brethren, Venerable Brother Dewald Botha.

Success naturally draws interest, and the Eastern Cape continues to demonstrate this by delivering a consistent, professional, and authentic Masonic experience.

We are proud to be a part of this Division and look forward with optimism and confidence to what the future holds.

NORTH EASTERN REGION.
(PRESENTED BY M. ILL. BRO FRANS ROODT).

The Region has very few members at Craft level, and this directly impacts the number of members available for AASR in the Region.

The Brethren in the Region continue to show their support for retired Brethren which is an important aspect of Freemasonry.

The Region historically has only four meetings per annum to ensure maximum attendance of all the members who travel from afar. We also host a combined Chapter and Consistory meeting as far as possible to ensure all members can participate.

Chapter Phoenix and Consistory Natal have had the benefit of commencing a collaborative relationship with the Scottish Regional Council and their members attend almost every meeting and also actively participate and labour with us.

The following activities took place in the Region during the year under review :

29 March 2025 Advance Illustrious Bro Ike Izeuduji to the degree of GRAND INSPECTOR INQUISITOR COMMANDER (31°)

31 May 2025 Advance Venerable Bro Corne Davel to the Degree of KNIGHT OF THE ROSE CROIX (18°)

SOUTHERN REGION.
(PRESENTED BY M. ILL. BRO MIKE BURCHELL).

Our Consistories and Chapters performed well over the last year.

Consistory De Goede Hoop.

February – practice working in the 28th degree to prepare for the working in April which was a very successful 28th degree advancement for Illustrious Bro Hein Mulder.

In June Illustrious Bro A Van Dijk was advanced to the 31st in a dignified working and

in September, Illustrious Brothers F. Begot, K. Irvine and M. Derman were advanced to the 28th degree.

The years activities were closed out with a most enjoyable Ladies Evening in November.

Chapter de Goede Hoop.

The Chapter de Goede Hoop experienced a productive and encouraging year in 2025. The Chapter continues to progress well, supported by a strong core of committed Brethren who attend regularly. Membership interest is growing steadily and the overall standard of the

Chapters work continues to improve.

The Chapter's furniture for its workings remains in good order, and the quality of the workings has shown consistent improvement throughout the year.

Key Activities and Degrees Conferred.

1. January: 14th degree conferred on Bros Eyiomen and Krige.
2. March: 18th degree conferred on Bros Begot, Lucas, Irvine, and Curtis.
3. May: 14th degree conferred on Bro Baiyewu.
4. August: 4th degree conferred on Bro Tshikala.
5. September: 9th (Elu) degree conferred on various candidates. A new certificate for candidates has been introduced for all those who have experienced the working.
6. October: 18th degree conferred on Bro Krige.
7. November: Installation of Ill Bro Petronio as MWS, and obligation of the Officers for 2026.

Chapter L'Esperance.

Workings and Key Activities:

1. 22 January 2025: Election of Office Bearers.
2. 26 March 2025: 18th degree Stefane Rogovsky.
3. 28 May 2025: Installation.
4. 23 July 2025: 4th degree conferred on Bro Kirk MacKay.
5. 5 September 2025: 9th degree worked jointly with De Goede Hoop.
6. 22 October 2025: Ven Bro Hein Mulder presented a lecture on 'Squaring Your Square'.

We have had several visits from our brethren in the English Constitution and have visited them as well. Hopefully soon we will be joined by, and visit, the Scottish Constitution as well.

CENTRAL REGION

(PRESENTED BY M. ILL. BRO MARCEL DE KOCK 33^o).

Consisting of Consistory Unie No: 906, Chapter Free State No:3 and Chapter Ronnie Bauser No:28.

I had the honour of being appointed ExSGIG from March this year for the Region.

I was privileged to have had an excellent predecessor namely Puissant Br Cor Van Zyl who led by example. In our Chapters we strive to maintain strong Brotherly Love and good family values and we see this as our core strength.

Sadly, Consistory Unie no: 906 lost its Eminent Commander, Illustrious Brother Jan Coetzee, who moved on to the Eternal East. Ill Br Jan Coetzee you will always be remembered as a true leader and humble brother. Ill Br Theoniel Pieterse was elected as his successor and will be installed at the next meeting. Currently 17 members will be under his wise leadership in the Consistory.

In Chapter Free State No: 3 ,Illustrious Brother Douglas Sansom was elected and installed as Most Wise Sovereign. And likewise in Chapter Ronnie Bauser No: 28 Ill Bro Barend Esterhuisen was elected and installed. Both these Brethren are most deserving of their appointments; may they prosper in their new leadership roles.

May we as a region, continue to improve and strengthen the characters of our individual members and through our members, the character of the community. (Declaration of Principles). The Chapters and Consistories are doing well, and the Division had the pleasure of hosting the Supreme Council on 1 March 2025 for the 32nd degree working by the Supreme Council for three deserving Brethren to the prestigious degree of Sovereign Prince – Master of the Royal Secret 32nd degree, namely Ill Brethren Cambanis, Combrink and Pieterse. As always, Ill. Bro Francois Dauth has been astounding at doing the administration for the Region.

Closing Remarks.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every member for your steadfast dedication and support. May the upcoming year bring new opportunities for growth, harmony, and enlightenment, and may the light of Freemasonry continue to guide us in all that we do.

We need to recognise that our institution only

exists to uplift members through a process of education and guidance. For this reason, I am pleased to see that the standards of papers for advancement that have been submitted are of an increasing meaningful standard and content, reflecting on the effort and enthusiasm for the task. It is this practice, that will develop the highest standards of understanding and

fulfilment amongst our members.

The only blueprint we need for moving from a reticent, entitlement culture, reactive posture of dispirited members attitude to one of proactive, intentional future-ready enthusiastic members will be the mentorship and guidance that we give, and more importantly, the value that members will derive through the process of researching and learning. In my corporate, military and masonic careers, I have learnt that the most forward-thinking, progressive, future-ready organisations are operating on these sets of timeless principles.

As I remind myself, I would like to share the following thoughts on leadership. Leadership begins with the desire to serve, not to lead. That truth may challenge everything you've been taught about leadership, but it's the cornerstone of servant leadership. Real leadership begins the moment you decide that the growth, success, and well-being of others matter more than your personal ambition. If your heart is not set on serving, you're not leading, you're managing. The greatest leaders don't rise to power; they rise in service.

As Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my duty to ensure that this report reflects our progress, challenges, and aspirations, providing a clear vision for the future. Together, we continue to build a foundation of learning, charity, and fraternity that upholds the values of our Council. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, *"The best way to know yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

In this spirit, I wish to thank the Executive Committee, and the members of our Supreme Council for their enduring commitment to the excellence and camaraderie of a world-class team.

With fraternal regards, Hope and Love,



Masonic Chat of the Day:

"Light is given to those who seek it with humility and sincerity."

As Masons, we are always in pursuit of knowledge and truth.

What new light will you seek today?