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For God and our Order
Vir God en ons Orde



Arms: Or a square with corner baseward surmounted by a compass Gules; on a chief Azure 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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GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Declaration

Whereas Freemasonry has been practised in Southern Africa under the Grand East of the Netherlands since the year AD 1772, and having flourished exceedingly well under the benign rule of this Grand East, the Lodges have assembled at Cape Town on Saturday, February 18th, 1961, and determined on the formation of a Grand Lodge in Southern Africa for the furtherance of Freemasonry with special reference to the Ancient Charges.

The Grand Lodge of Southern Africa first established at Cape Town demands that a prerequisite to admission to the Order is that every member shall unequivocally subscribe to the following basic principles:

1. The first condition of admission into, and membership of the Order is a belief in the Supreme Being referred to by Freemasons as TGAOTU and His revealed will. This is essential and admits no compromise.
2. The Bible, referred to by Freemasons as The Volume of the Sacred Law, is always open in the Lodges. Every candidate is required to take his Obligation on that Book or Volume which is held by his particular creed to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it. That Three Great Lights of Freemasonry (viz TVOSL, the Square and the Compasses) should always be exhibited when the Grand Lodge or its Lodges are at work, the chief of these being the TVOSL.
3. Everyone who enters Freemasonry is at the outset strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; he must pay due obedience to the Law of any State in which he resides or which may afford him protection, and must never be remiss in the allegiance due to the Head of State of his country.
4. While South Africa Freemasonry thus 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 neither in Lodge, nor any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his view on religious or political questions.
5. The Grand Lodge acknowledges the high value of human personality, man's responsibility for all his actions, the fundamental equality of all human beings, universal brotherhood of man and every man's duty to labour with devotion for the welfare of the community.
6. The Grand Lodge refuses to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home

GROOTLOOSIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Verklaring

Nademaal Vrymesselary sedert die jaar AD 1772 in Suider-Afrika onder die Groot Ooste van die Nederlande beoefen is en gedy het onder die heilsame bestuur van die Groot Ooste, het die Losies op Saterdag 18 Februarie 1961 in Kaapstad vergader en besluit om 'n Grootlosie in Suider-Afrika in die lewe te roep om Vrymesselary met besondere verwysing na die Aloue Opdragte te bevorder. Die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika wat in Kaapstad tot stand gekom het, se eerste vereiste vir toelating tot die Orde is dat elke lid ondubbelsinnig die volgende grondbeginsels onderskryf:

1. Die eerste voorwaarde vir toelating tot lidmaatskap van die Orde is 'n geloof in die Opperwese na wie die Vrymesselary verwys as die DOBVDH en Sy geopenbaarde wil. Dit is 'n essensiële voorwaarde en laat geen kompromis toe nie.
2. Die Bybel, waarna die Vrymesselaars verwys as die Boek Van Die Heilige Wet, lê altyd in Losies oop. Elke kandidaat is gehou om sy verpligtinge af te lê op dié Boek of Volume wat kragtens sy besondere geloof onskendbaarheid verleen aan 'n eed of belofte wat daarop afgelê is. Die Drie Groot Ligte van die Vrymesselaars (naamlik DOBVDH, die Winkelhaak en Passer) moet altyd vertoon word tydens byeenkomste van die Grootlosie of sy Losies. Hiervan is DOBVDH (Die Boek Van Die Heilige Wet) die belangrikste.
3. Elkeen wat tot Vrymesselary toetree, word by toetrede streng verbied om hom met enige daad te vereenselwig wat vrede en goeie orde van die samelewing omver kan werp; hy moet die verskuldigde gehoorsaamheid betoon aan die wette van enige staat waarin hy woon of wat beskerming aan hom verleen, en hy mag nooit in gebreke bly in die nakoming van sy verskuldigde trou aan die staatshoof van sy land nie.
4. Terwyl die Suid-Afrikaanse Vrymesselary op die wyse gehoorsaamheid aan die staat en sy verantwoordelikhede as burger by elkeen van sy lede inskerp, gun dit die individu 'n eie siening oor sake van openbare belang. Maar nóg in die Losie, nóg te enige tyd in sy hoedanigheid as Vrymesselaar mag hy sy siening oor godsdienstige of politieke kwessies bespreek of probeer bevorder.
5. Die Grootlosie stel 'n premie op die mens se individualiteit, sy sedelike aanspreeklikheid vir al sy handeling, die fundamentele gelykheid van alle mense, die universele broederskap van die mens se plig om hom met toewyding te beywer vir die welsyn van die gemeenskap.
6. Die Grootlosie weerhou hom tuis, of in die buiteland, van kommentaar oor sake rakende buitelandse of binnelandse staatsbeleid; laat nie toe dat sy naam gekoppel word aan enige handeling, ongeag die skynbare humanitêre aard



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.

7. The Grand Lodge refuses absolutely to have any relations with Bodies, styling themselves as Freemasons, which do not adhere to these basic principles. Nor will it participate in Conference with so-called International Associations which fail to conform strictly to these principles. The Grand Lodge cannot be represented by any such Association.
8. There is no secret with regard to any of the basic principles of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge will always consider the recognition by those Grand Lodges which profess and practise and can show that they have consistently professed and practised 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. They must be accepted and practised wholeheartedly and in their entirety by those who desire to be recognised as Freemasons. Furthermore, the Grand Lodge will not enter into relation with a Grand Lodge, which is in amity with any body, which does not adhere strictly to these basic principles.
9. The Grand Lodge is a sovereign and independent body and shall have sovereign jurisdiction over the Lodges under its control, being a responsible, independent, self governing organisation with sole authority over the Craft or Symbolic Degrees within its administration. It does not recognise or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority however styled.
10. The establishment of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons of Southern Africa as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge by Lodges holding Charters

daarvan , wat inbreuk maak op sy onwrikbare beleid van onpartydigheid wat betref alle kwessies rakende betrekkinge tussen regerings of tussen politieke partye, of botsende teorieë oor staatsvorme.

7. Die Grootlosie weier volstrek om hom op welke wyse ook al te vereenselwig met liggame, wat hulle voordoen as Vrymesselaars, wat nie hierdie grondbeginsels onderskryf nie. Hy sal ook nie deelneem aan konferensies met sogenaamde internasionale organisasies wat lidmaatskap verleen aan liggame wat hulle nie streng by hierdie beginsels hou nie. Die Grootlosie kan nie deur so 'n organisasie verteenwoordig word nie.
8. Daar is niks geheimsinnig wat betref die grondbeginsels van Vrymesselary nie. Die Grootlosie sal altyd oorweging skenk aan die erkenning van en erkenning soek by daardie Grootlosies wat hierdie gevestigde en ongewysigde beginsels bely en bedryf het. In geen omstandighede sal dit aan 'n gesprek deelneem wat daarop gemik is om 'n nuwe of gewysigde interpretasie aan die reëls te gee nie. Die beginsels moet in die geheel volmondig bely en bedryf word deur die wat as Vrymesselaars erken wil word. Die Grootlosie sal verder geen betrekkinge aanknoop met 'n Grootlosie wat op 'n vriendskaplike voet verkeer met enige liggaam wat hom nie streng by hierdie basiese beginsels hou nie.
9. Die Grootlosie is 'n soewereine en onafhanklike liggaam en beskik oor soewereine mag oor Losies onder sy beheer, synde 'n verantwoordelike, onafhanklike, selfregerende organisasie met uitsluitlike gesag oor die Vak en Simboliese Grade binne sy administrasie. Dit erken nie die bestaan van enige hoër Masonieke gesag nie, hoe dit ookal betitel word.
10. Die stigting van die Aloue, Vry en Aangenome Messelaars van Suider-Afrika as 'n soewereine en onafhanklike Grootlosie deur Losies met Oktrooie van die Groot Ooste

from the Grand East of the Netherlands in the Republic of South Africa, in Zimbabwe and Namibia, shall in no way affect the rights and privileges enjoyed by any Lodges holding Warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which have always shared Masonic jurisdiction in the said territories; and have granted Charters for new Lodges at their discretion.

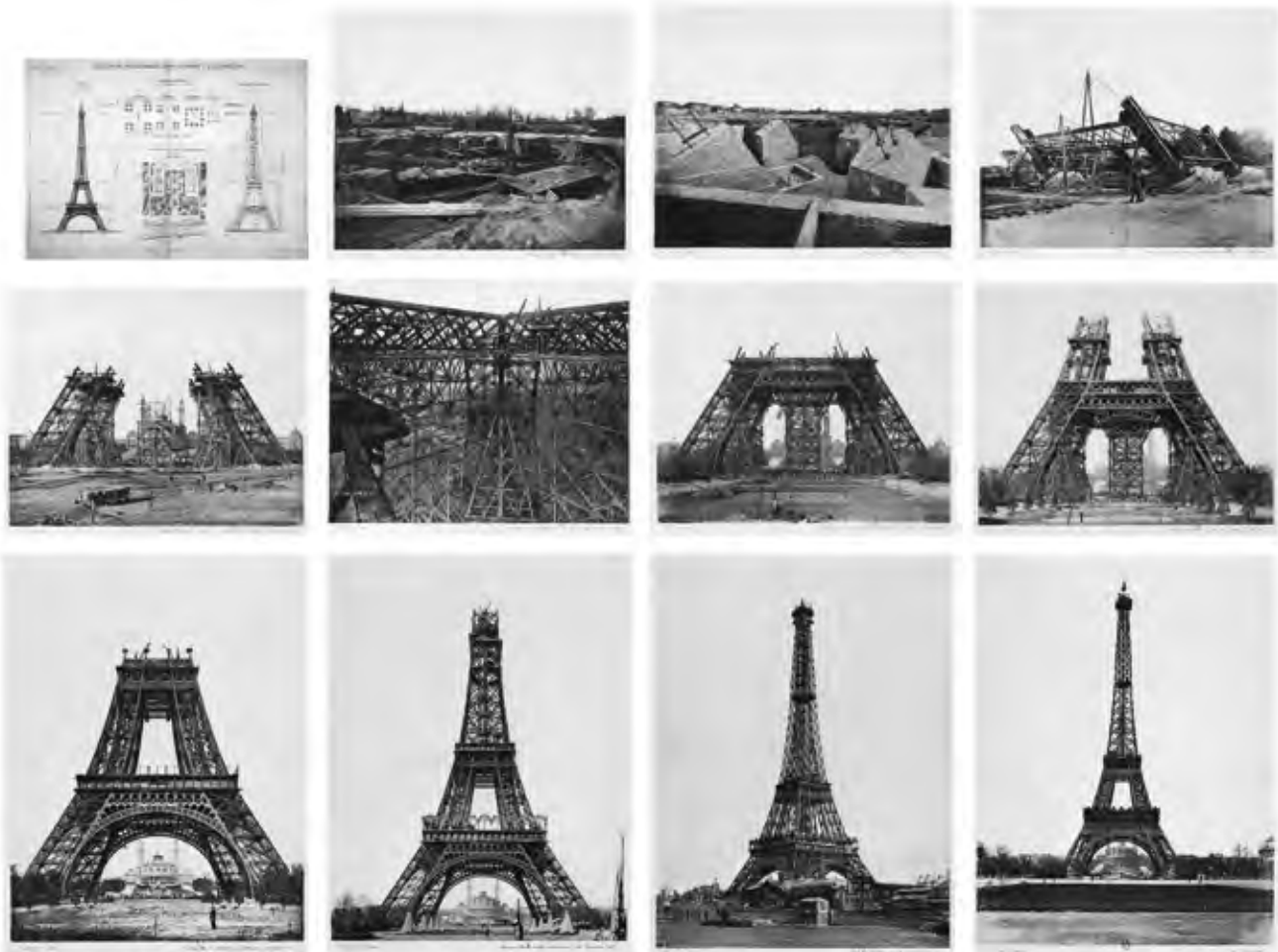
The Grand Lodge of Southern Africa desires that this harmonious relationship and equality of jurisdiction should continue in the future as in the past, and thereby expressly declares:

- (a) That all the Lodges, and Royal Arch Chapters, of English, Irish, or Scottish origin, shall continue to be recognised on a basis of absolute equality.
 - (b) The United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, shall continue to have the right to grant new Charters for new Lodges (and Royal Arch Chapters) at their discretion, until such time in the future when it might be expedient or necessary to form a United Grand Lodge of Southern Africa by the four Constitutions acting by mutual agreement.
 - (c) That the existence of the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge shall not preclude the establishment in the open territories from time to time by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of 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
 - (d) That as Zimbabwe and Zambia are States outside the Republic of South Africa, this Grand Lodge undertakes not to grant any Charters for new Lodges in those territories and its jurisdiction is strictly confined to the seven Lodges at present existing and working in Zimbabwe and Zambia.
11. That the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges shall be composed exclusively of men; and that each Grand Lodge shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed Lodges or bodies which admit women to membership
 12. That the principles of the Ancient Landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed. With the consent of the Grand Lodges of England, 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 Grand Lodge of England on 8 June 1979, and confirmed on 8 October 1979. Consequently, wherever the name Southern Africa appears, it must read as South Africa.

van die Nederlande in die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, in Zimbabwe, en in Namibië, sal in geen opsig die regte en voorregte van enige Losie met 'n Magsbrief 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, aantas nie, en in hulle diskresie Oktrooie toegestaan het aan nuwe Losies.

Dit is die wens van die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika dat hierdie harmonieuse gesindheid en gelykheid wat betref gesag in die toekoms soos in die verlede sal voortbestaan en verklaar hierby uitdruklik:

- (a). Dat al die Losies en die Koninklike Gewelfkapittels van Engelse, Ierse en Skotse oorsprong steeds erken sal word op 'n grondslag van absolute gelykheid.
 - (b). Dat die Verenigde Grootlosie van Engeland, die Grootlosie van Ierland en die Grootlosie van Skotland steeds die bevoegdheid sal hê om in hulle diskresie nuwe Oktrooie uit te reik vir nuwe Losies (en Koninklike Gewelfkapittels) tot tyd en wyl dit wenslik 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, Grootlodie van Ierland en die Grootlosie van Skotland en hul 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.
 - (d). Dat aangesien Zimbabwe en Zambië buite die Republiek van Suid-Afrika geleë is, onderneem hierdie Grootlosie om nie Oktrooie vir nuwe Losies in hierdie gebiede uit te reik nie en dat sy jurisidiksie streng beperk word tot die sewe bestaande Losies wat tans in Zimbabwe en Zambië werksaam is.
11. Dat die lidmaatskap van die Grootlosie en die individuele Losies uitsluitlik uit mans sal bestaan; en dat elke Grootlosie nie Masonieke gemeenskap van enige aard sal hê met gemengde Losies of liggame wat vroue toelaat nie.
 12. Dat die beginsels van die Aloue Landmerke, sedes en gebruike van die Vak stiptelik nagekom sal word. Met die toestemming van die Grootlosies van Engeland, Ierland en Skotland, is die naam van die Grootlosie van Suider-Afrika op 8 Junie 1979, na samesprekings met die Grootlosie van Engeland verander nn die Grootlosie van Suid-Afrika en bekragtig op 8 Oktober 1979. Waar die naam Suider-Afrika voorkom, moet dit gelees word as Suid-Afrika.



The Eiffel Tower, the tallest building in Paris (324 m), is named after its designer, engineer Gustave Eiffel, a renowned Freemason and was built as the entrance arch for the 1889 World's Fair.



The Grand Master / Die Grootmeester



Most Worshipful Bro. / Hoogerwaarde Br.
Armiston Watson

Grand Lodge of South Africa Grootlosie van Suid Afrika

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Adj. Grootmeester



Rt. Wor. Bro G Edwards.

Asst. Grand Master
Asst. Grootmeester



Rt. Wor. Bro P Coetzee

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Report of the Grand Master for 2007/2008

Orange Grove, Johannesburg - 19 July 2008

WELCOME: Good afternoon Brethren, it is with a certain amount of mixed feelings that I greet you all today. I am, of course, very proud and honoured to welcome each one of you at this 47th Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge but I am, simultaneously, saddened by the fact that our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Bowen OSM, is unable to lead this meeting himself.

I am, however, privileged to render this report on behalf of Most Worshipful Brother John Bowen and it is in his name that I, not only thank you all for gracing our Grand Lodge with your presence here today, but I am especially pleased to extend the most sincere fraternal greetings to a number distinguished Brethren in our midst.

Firstly, and most importantly, a very sincere welcome to our immediate Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque, a man who still toils for Freemasonry as if he is aspiring to climb the ladder whilst he has, in fact, reached the very top rung - but more about that later.

We are also most privileged to have a number of visiting Grand Lodge Representatives in our midst.

- From the National Grand Lodge of Greece we welcome their Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Dimitrios Kontesis, and
- From the Grand Lodge of Congo Brazzaville we welcome Very Worshipful Brethren Vincent Gomes – Assistant Grand Master, Enoch Miata – Assistant Grand Master and Paul Obambe – Grand Inspector.

We regard it as singular honour to be held in such high esteem by these Grand Lodges and extend to them, our warmest greetings and welcome to the Grand Lodge of South Africa and trust that they will enjoy today's proceedings and their sojourn in our beloved South Africa. Brethren, kindly also convey our Fraternal Best Wishes to the Brethren of your various Jurisdictions.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES: In the absence of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is now my pleasant duty to report on the activities of Grand Lodge for the period 2007/2008, on his behalf. It must be noted, however, that due to his indisposition, the Grand Master was unable to continue fully with his duties from the latter part of October 2007, from which time his duties were shared between Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque and I, whilst some duties were also delegated to a number of other senior Brethren.

At the start of the activities for this year, when it became clear that the Grand Master would have to undergo major



surgery, which, it was thought would render him indisposed for at least ten weeks, he appointed me to act as Grand Master with full powers, until his return. His return to office was, however, sadly delayed, time and time again when he was either re-admitted to Hospital or moved to other institutions for treatment and I have therefore continued as mandated to this day.

Brethren, our Grand Master has suffered immensely these past months but I think that his dear wife June, who has been at his side every possible minute of the day, has suffered even more, albeit in a different way. I have asked this before and ask you all again to think of them both and their children, in your prayers. I would also like to thank all those Brethren who have visited, written or phoned but I must single out two Brethren.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to our Grand Almoner, Right Worshipful Bro Neville Klein, who has visited our Grand Master every single day, since his indisposition and still does so every day. This is more than can be expected from anyone but we, in turn, can do no more than to say thank you, thank you most sincerely!

The other worthy Brother is Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque, who not only travels from Johannesburg to visit our Grand Master regularly, but is also a source of great support and advice to the family. Most Worshipful Brother Lindeque, you are one of those unique Brethren who surface only now and again in history and I am truly unable to express our appreciation sufficiently. My Brother, we also salute you with sincere thanks and appreciation.

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT: I sincerely believe that the task handed to us midstream, was executed to the best of our abilities, given the obvious disadvantages, and I can confidently report that Grand Lodge is operating well and in accordance with its Constitution, Laws and Regulations.

But the duties executed, particularly over the past nine months, was truly a team effort and I wish to record my sincere thanks, first and foremost, to Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque who, as Chairman of the Grand Committee, not only attended to the day to day running of Grand Lodge but was also a source of constant support and wise counselling.

I also want to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to Right Worshipful Brethren Geoff Edwards and Piet Coetzee, Assistant Grand Masters, who attended to their duties most diligently and also came to the fore as true stalwarts in these difficult times. They, together with most other Grand Lodge Officers and a number of Past Commissioned Officers, ensured that all the planned activities of Grand Lodge were executed timeously and with distinction. My sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to all those Brethren who continue to support Grand Lodge unreservedly.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS: I have singled out the Present and Past Commissioned Officers who have been the leaders of the various Delegations, ensuring the presence of Grand Lodge at all the events identified during the past Masonic year. These visits would, however, lack dignity and fulfilment if it had not been for the Grand Lodge Officers who offer their time and travel the length and breadth of the country, often at great personal expense. I therefore wish to reiterate my gratitude to all Grand Lodge Officers, with special thanks to the Grand Masters of Ceremonies, Very Worshipful Brethren Morris Rozen and Johan Britz, who were responsible for the organising and smooth functioning of all Grand Lodge visits and meetings.

Our Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Piet van Rensburg has requested to be relieved of his duties. An attempt to summarise the many duties that he has undertaken successfully over many years and the various Offices that he has been appointed to, would inflate this report, but I know that he is merely scaling down. Sincere appreciation is extended to him.

The old stalwart, Right Worshipful Brother Chris Barnard, presently Grand Junior Warden, who most certainly rates being a legend in his own time, when it comes to Grand Lodge services, will be promoted to Grand Senior Warden and Very Worshipful Brother John Whittaker, who has served Grand Lodge for many years and who has travelled many thousands of kilometres in pursuit thereof, will be promoted to the Office of Grand Junior Warden. I look forward to greet him as a Right Worshipful Brother from now on.

Very Worshipful Brother Rozen, Grand Master of Ceremonies, has requested me to relieve him of his duties because of his declining health. I thank him for his services over many years and trust that the anticipated treatment will be successful and that he will return to good health soon.

Very Worshipful Brother Johan Brits has agreed to continue his outstanding services as Grand Master of Ceremonies and a very special word of thanks is extended to him for being a smart and effective Master of Ceremonies and for travelling to just about every Grand Lodge Call Out, wherever that may be. Thank you, my Brother. Worshipful Brother Fanie Kloppers, who has already proved diligence and ability, will be appointed as the new Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Grand Lodge Officers are expected to serve in a given Office for at least two years and annual promotions have never been the order of the day. One or two promotions have, however, been made because of retirements already mentioned and the Provincial Commissioning of Worshipful Brethren Coenie Bronkhorst and John Scheepers, mentioned elsewhere in this report.

The under mentioned Brethren will today be obligated and invested as Grand Lodge Officers, and I thank them for their willingness to serve. We as Commissioned Officers, look forward to labouring alongside them all.



GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	Rw	Bro. CW Barnard
GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	Rw	Bro. JW Whittaker
GRAND SECRETARY	Vw	Bro. AM Arthur
GRAND TREASURER	Mw	Bro. BG Lindeque
GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Vw	Bro. JJ Britz
GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Vw	Bro. SP Kloppers
ASST. GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Wor	Bro. HA Wethmar
GRAND ALMONER	Rw	Bro. N Klein
GRAND ALMONER	Wor	Bro. EA Cahill
GRAND AMBASSADOR	Wor	Bro. DJA Erasmus
GRAND INSPECTOR	Wor	Bro. S Stapelberg
GRAND INSPECTOR	Wor	Bro. H Schaum
GRAND ARCHITECT	Wor	Bro. J Markantonis
GRAND SWORD BEARER	Wor	Bro. R Wentzel
GRAND INNER GUARD	Wor	Bro. JH Jacobs
GRAND INNER GUARD	Wor	Bro. S Crofton
GRAND TYLER	Wor	Bro. MF Ramos
GRAND STEWARD	Wor	Bro. I Keane-Murphy
GRAND STEWARD	Wor	Bro. CF Montgomery

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PAST GRAND RANK CONFERRED: It is understandable that personal circumstances prevent many worthy Brethren from accepting Active Grand Lodge Rank but Grand Lodge will continue to give due recognition to Brethren who have rendered continued service to Grand Lodge or to Lodges specifically. In line herewith, Past Grand Rank will be conferred on the following Brethren, later during the meeting:

RW Bro Morris Rozen
 Past Grand Junior Warden
 VW Bro Fritz Pistorius
 Past Grand Orator
 Wor Bro N Leary
 Past Grand Almoner
 Wor Bro CW Bronkhorst
 Past Grand Ambassador
 Wor Bro J Buirski
 Past Grand Architect
 Wor Bro K Manefeldt
 Past Grand Architect
 Wor Bro BTA Rossouw
 Past Grand Architect
 Wor Bro M Whale
 Past Grand Inner Guard
 Wor Bro P Greeff
 Past Grand Inner Guard

GRAND LODGE SECRETARIAT: No organisation can function properly without efficient administrative support. Grand Lodge is no exception and was once again blessed in this regard. Very Worshipful Brother Andrew Arthur was theoretically dumped into the deep end but, with the help and guidance of the Chairman of the Grand Committee, Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque, soon surfaced and is fast becoming an expert in his own right.

I wish to record the appreciation of Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary and to our Administrative star, Moira van Dyk, for all their efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the Grand Lodge's office and for attending to all the daily chores, complaints and queries.

Earlier in June this year, Moira van Dyk accompanied her husband on an extended overseas visit and we were fortunate to have the services of Yolande Heathcote during this period. I wish to record the thanks of Grand Lodge to her for her willingness to help and the exceptional way in which she adapted to the various duties.

GRAND COMMITTEE AND GRAND LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Both these committees continue to function most satisfactorily as the Governing Bodies when Grand Lodge is not convened and I wish to thank the individual members for their contributions with special word of appreciation to the Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque.

He not only chairs the meetings of the two committees, but in accordance with the appointment by, and mandate of the Grand Master, he is also charged with the day-to-day management of Grand Lodge. A more suitable appointment could not have

been made and Grand Lodge is greatly indebted to you, Most Worshipful Brother Lindeque.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE: The Finance Committee has continued to function in top gear and between Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque and Right Worshipful Brother Piet Coetzee, the finances of Grand Lodge are in good hands and a full report will be presented later in the meeting.

Right Worshipful Brother Piet Coetzee, as a newly appointed Assistant Grand Master, has taken over as Chairman of the committee whilst Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque will be obligated and invested as Grand Treasurer, later today. Grand Lodge is greatly indebted to these two distinguished and worthy Brethren.

The Constitution, Procedures and Regalia Committee have also had a very busy year and three sets of amendments were approved by Grand Committee on 10 May 2008, in Durban, for further submission to the Grand Executive Committee, Grand Committee and Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The first section involves amendments to the Constitution which will be tabled at the next Grand Lodge Annual Meeting in 2009 and will be circulated to Provincial Grand Lodges, for onward transmission to Lodges, later this year.

The second section involves amendments to the Laws which will be tabled at the next Grand Committee in November this year.

The third section involves amendments to the Regulations and Annexures which was tabled at, and approved by the Grand Executive Committee at its meeting held yesterday, 18 July 2008. These were changes to Annexure 7 only and merely regularised dates of annual meetings.

Details of yesterday's resolution will be circulated to Provincial Grand Lodges, for onward transmission to Lodges, within the following week or two and those of the Grand Committee as soon as resolved.

Other Standing Committees have not been operating as satisfactorily as would be expected but new Chairmen and Members have been appointed for the forthcoming Masonic year and progress will be closely monitored.

Special attention will be paid to the functioning of the Ritual, Education, Website and Foreign Relations Committees.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES: The Provincial Grand Lodges are all functioning well and I can honestly testify to the highest level of support by each of the five Provincial Grand Masters, their respective Commissioned Officers and Administrations.

The various activities and progress of the Provincial Grand Lodges is captured in their respective Annual Reports, which will form part of the Grand Lodge Yearbook, so I will refrain from commenting selectively on the many events that took



place and the initiatives and programmes that have been implemented.

EASTERN CAPE DIVISION: In the Eastern Cape Division, our most senior Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Johan Greyling continues with his successful, hands-on style of management and reports good progress. The Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque lead the Grand Lodge delegation to this Division's annual meeting on 17 November 2007, at which we were also privileged to welcome the Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Sidney Gasson.

The Grand Master had previously approved the appointment of Worshipful Brother JC Greyling Junior, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master and he was obligated and invested at this meeting whilst I had the honour of investing and obligating Right Worshipful Brother Piet Coetzee as Assistant Grand Master.

CENTRAL DIVISION: The Annual Meeting of this Division took place on the 1st of March 2008 in Bloemfontein and I was again very pleased to welcome two Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brethren George Groenewald and Ben Lindeque.

At this meeting, Right Worshipful Brother Willie Stander, who had served the Division for five years as Provincial Grand Master, retired and I wish to thank him sincerely for his leadership, which was not always easy and we wish him and his, equally active wife Peggy, a very happy retirement in the Western Cape. His Deputy, Worshipful Brother Piet Henning, also retired due to ill health and whilst also thanking him and his wife, Catherine, for many years of devoted service, I trust that his health will improve and wish him well for the years to come.

I was also privileged to obligate and invest Right Worshipful Brother Jan Conradie as the new Provincial Grand Master and Worshipful Alf Brönnner as his Deputy. I had the honour of facilitating and making both these appointments, with the approval and blessing of the Grand Master, and I am confident that, as a team, they will bring a new dimension to the Central Division. Proof of this is already evident.

SOUTHERN DIVISION: At an extraordinary Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held on 29 March 2008, in Cape Town, I was further honoured to install the new Provincial Grand Master of

the Southern Division, Right Worshipful Brother John Smith and he, in turn, obligated and invested Worshipful Brother Malcolm Lötter as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and also re-invested Worshipful Brethren Johann Haasbroek, Jeremy Peacock and Brian Rossouw and to continue as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters whilst Worshipful Brother Len Kingsly was invested as the new Assistant Provincial Grand Master of this Division.

The new Provincial Grand Master has already made his mark and I look forward to a perpetuation of the august history of this, our senior Division and a new found growth under his leadership in this regard.

Right Worshipful Brother John Smith succeeded Right Worshipful Brother Geoff Edwards who was Provincial Grand Master from 2002 to 2006, when he was appointed Assistant Grand Master but continued to manage the Division for nearly two more years. Under his able Leadership the Division excelled and many new programmes were initiated, primarily aimed at maximum involvement of Brethren and ensuring a meaningful experience for newly initiated members.

Grand Lodge owes Right Worshipful Brother Edwards much gratitude and we salute him for a job well done.

EASTERN DIVISION: The fourth Provincial Annual Meeting for the year was also the first for Right Worshipful Brother Charles Inggs, Provincial Grand Master, Eastern Division, and took place in Durban on 10 May 2008.

This Division experienced some, less pleasant events, in the past, which Right Worshipful Brother Inggs has handled exceptionally well, first as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and, for the past year, as Provincial Grand Master.

The Division is now back to being a friendly, well run, Division and we have now also normalised the leadership position with the obligation and investiture of Worshipful Brother Victor Muhlenbeck as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Worshipful Brother John Scheepers as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, at this Annual Meeting.

I approved these two positions, not only being convinced of the capabilities of the two Brethren concerned but also because of a firm conviction of their support to their Provincial Grand

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Master and to Grand Lodge. I look forward to real growth and further initiatives under this new team and wish them well.

NORTHERN DIVISION: It has been a busy day so far and this morning we attended the second Annual Meeting of this Division under the stewardship of Right Worshipful Brother Dave Duncan as Provincial Grand Master, who has firmly established himself in this position, bringing with him, his own unique style of management.

A vacancy has occurred in the ranks of Commissioned Officers of this Division and I have approved the reappointment of Worshipful Brother Coenie Bronkhorst, who was again obligated and invested this morning.

LOGDES: We, in Grand Lodge, rely on reports from Provincial Grand Lodges, in regard to the state of Lodges in general but we do also have a first hand insight into developments and achievements through the monthly Circulars and Agendas from Lodges and the Annual Reports of Presiding Masters.

I want to thank those Lodges, who do so, for sending their Agendas to Grand Lodge Commissioned but, at the same time, I must also point out to defaulting Lodges that it is a requirement of the Constitution and Laws, in terms of Article 102.7.

It is most gratifying to note that growth is very evident in a number of Lodges who are obviously capitalising on the climate of goodwill, presently favouring Freemasonry. There are, however, many Lodges who keep themselves busy with finding reasons for the decline in Freemasonry.

Freemasonry is alive and well, Brethren. It is us, the Freemasons who tend to lapse into a state of hibernation, waiting for things to happen in stead of making things happen. The reverse of the old saying “nothing succeeds like success” must also hold true in that nothing fails like failure. However, I have no intention of focussing on the negative and I therefore have a challenge to put to successful Lodges. I challenge you to adopt a struggling Lodge and to help it to taste the fruits of success.

Brethren, your Provincial Grand Masters have the power to assist you with this challenging project because they can assist by appointing Nominated Members to assist in those Lodges you wish to guide into success. This is in terms of Article 59.1 of our Constitution and Laws but I must warn. Provincial Grand Masters will only use this power to facilitate possible growth and definitely not to perpetuate the meaningless existence of slumbering lodges.

FIFTY YEAR MASONIC SERVICE AWARD: During the last past year, yet another fifty year Masonic service jewel was awarded to Right Worshipful Brother Frikkie Botha, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Central Division. He is still a very committed and Active mason, not just in the many Lodges that he is a member of, but also as Provincial Grand Secretary. He is an example to us all, and we congratulate him on this wonderful achievement.



BEST SECRETARY AWARD: The award for “Best Secretary of the year” goes to Worshipful Brother Bruce Rodel of Lodge Orange Number 12 in Rustenburg. Worshipful Brother Rodel, on behalf of all the brethren I congratulate you and thank you for a job exceptionally well done.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY AND ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE: Grand Lodge continues to have a sound fraternal relationship with both the Royal Arch and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Most Excellent Companion Alf Rhodie, his Deputy, Most Excellent Companion Neville Klein and many of the Commissioned Officers are also senior officers of Grand Lodge. I wish to thank them all for their sterling efforts in promoting Royal Arch Freemasonry.

Most Puissant Brother Mauro Milanesi has retired as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for South Africa during the latter part of the year. This prematurely so due to serious health problems and, whilst extending to him our most sincere wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, Grand Lodge also congratulates Most Puissant Brother Ben Lindeque on being elected in his place as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I know that, under his leadership, the association with Grand Lodge will prosper and grow.

GRAND LODGE COMPLEX: The additions and refurbishment of the western section of the Grand Lodge Complex, which was started in September 2006, will soon be completed and soon, we will not only have a steady stream of income from the Office Block, House and Garden Flat, but we are, above all, most privileged to have our Annual Meeting in this magnificent Lodge Building.



This initiative, the brain child of our Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Ben Lindeque, was tackled with limited funds and the end result was brought about by careful planning and the personal supervision by him and his Site Engineer, Worshipful Brother Coenie Bronkhorst, Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Brethren, those of you who have not personally witnessed the daily toiling of these two worthy Brethren, literally from Monday to Sunday, will not understand how hard they have worked.

I personally inspected the work of the Tiler, Ben Lindeque, physically working the skin off his fingers and Coenie Bronkhorst sacrificed much more than his right hand thumb. History will always recognize their efforts in establishing this great asset for generations to come and I trust that the tokens of appreciation, which I will be presenting to them, will, in a small way, symbolize our combined acknowledgement and gratitude.

FOREIGN RELATIONS: I have already thanked the Grand Masters in attendance today, which is testimony to our standing as a recognised Grand Lodge and also an indication of the appreciation for the efforts of our Grand Master to reach out to the Grand Lodges of Africa our fellow Brethren of our continent.

I must, particularly acknowledge the efforts of Most Worshipful Brother Dimitrios Kontesis. It has come to my knowledge that Most Worshipful Brother Kontesis has made a study of the History of our Grand Lodge and has, in fact written a paper on the subject. I am further advised that, his visit to our Grand Lodge was not only planned well in advance, but that he would have visited Grand Lodge a year ago if it had not been for a misunderstanding in regard to our meeting date in Cape Town.

Most Worshipful Brother Kontesis, we apologise for the misunderstanding of 2007 but we are, at the same time delighted to have you with us this year. I trust that your week in our midst was enjoyable and masonically fulfilling. We trust that you will have a safe journey back to Athens and request you to convey our best wishes to our Brethren in Greece. We have, because of the illness of our Grand Master, decided to postpone the anticipated hosting of the Africa Congress until 2011 and also not to extend the usual invitations for today's meeting, to our fellow Grand Lodges in Africa. We are, nevertheless, very pleased to welcome the delegation from the Grand Lodge of the Congo, Brazzaville and welcome Brethren Vincent Gomes, Enoch Miata and Paul Obambe. We appreciate your efforts to attend today and we know that you treasure the relationship established by our Grand Master.

The following reciprocal visits to other Grand Lodges were undertaken by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Bowen OSM during the past year:

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Congo Brazzaville in October 2007, accompanied by Right Worshipful Brethren Morris Levin OSM and Piet Coetzee, together with Worshipful Brethren Louis Krige, Allen Singh, Sweeney Crofton, and Alexandre Zoumis.

In December 2007, the Grand Master, accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Piet Coetzee paid a courtesy visit to the Head Office of the Grand Lodge of England and thereafter, attended the Annual Meeting and Installation of the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France.

CONCLUSION: I conclude, Brethren, by reminding you that our task as Freemasons is no more or no less than those contained in our lessons and ancient charges, but I firmly believe that the only direct instruction is that which is transmitted to us as Fellow-craft Masons, i.e. our undeniable duty to work.

I therefore end this report with the words of an anonymous poet - words that I have found to be inspiring for nearly 50 years, ever since my days as a High School boy in Durban. I sincerely hope that you also find some inspiration in these simple, but thought provoking words:

The heights,
By great men, reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden upwards flight.
But they,
While their companions slept,
Toiled upwards in the night!

I thank you all,

Armiston Watson
Acting Grand Master.



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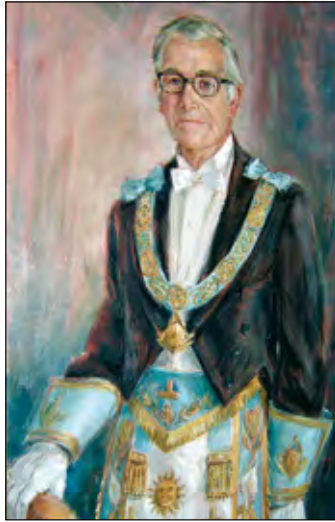
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† de Lange	JH		† Mitchell	SJ		van Wyk	MC	
† de Villiers	GR		Olivier	JHC		van Wyk	JL	
† Delpont	A		Pretorius	AP		† Violet	SA	
† du Plooy	MC		Rhodie	AGA		Watkinson	PN	
† Edmeades	HC		Rudram	N		Worms	LE	
† Fourie	LJ		Schuitemaker	GLN				
† France	R							

Grand Senior Wardens / Groot Eerste Opsieners

† Bain	WJ		† Katz	PP		† Shubitz	ID	
† Clark	GAL		Klein	N		† Spalding	DH	
† Cohen	H		† Maas	DA		Staal	FB	
† Croxford	LH		† Meyers	RS		† van der Merwe	RF	
† de Bruto	JH		Menego	BR		Viljoen	HDG	
† du Bruyn	IL		† Newman	J		† Werner	CJ	
† Glenton	HG		† Penberthy	CP		Willemse	CJ	
† Gobitz	JM		† Phillips	L		† Willis	PL	
† Greeff	PA		† Rademan	S		† Rive	FJM	
† Janse van Rensburg	PJ		Reeler	JE				

Grand Junior Wardens / Groot Tweede Opsieners

† Barnard	CW		† Henschel	PA		† Steytler	H duP	
† Cutler	G		† Kaplan	P		† Todd	SCH	
† Gilbert	E		Lacey	EM		† Van der Merwe	PJ	
† Goudie	AM		Lifson	JA		† Visser	WJ	

Grand Orators / Grootredenaars

† Awe	AE		† Haylet	NE		† Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
† Becker	HL		† Kramer	T		† Roos	IG	
† Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	† Lawley	HR		Whittaker	JW	
† Gilchrist	JJ		† Nel	JP		† Venter	HG	

Grand Secretary/ Grootsekretarisse

† du Plessis	P		† Johnston	BC		† van Zyl	WJ	
† Gould	L		† Kaestner	SP		† Vincent	T	
† Griesbach	RJG		† van Eeden	PA		† Vos	WG	

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Grand Treasurers / Groot Penningmeesters

† Braude	JH		† Norsworthy	SA		Werner	MJO
Coetzee	FP		† Sacks	CM			
Neuhaus	BL		† Salakoff	WM			

Grand Master of Ceremonies / Grootseremoniemeesters

Ellman	P		Newby - Fraser	SK		† Whiting	CW
† Fourie	GP		Olpin	PM		† Wilner	S
Gillwald	FN		Rozen	M			

Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies / Assistent-Grootseremoniemeesters

Ahrens	HW		Kaestner	LH		† Roode	BJ
† Bergman	P		† Kleinhans	TD		† Schroder	PJ
† Coetzer	JJ		† Lewin	D		Schultz	HW
Fourie	JPN		† Oberholster	O		† Scott	de B
† Froneman	CDS		† Peterson	RF			
Heckman	CCR		† Potgeiter	AD			

Grand First Preparator / Groot Eerste Geleiers

† Allan	IR		† Eastham	CT		Wethmar	HA
† Longhurst	WT		† Franken	P			
Steyn	JF		† Cross	GH			

Grand Almoners / Groot Almoeseniens

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

Grand Inspectors / Grootinspekteurs

Becker	N		Bronkhorst	C		Lokker	FW
Busby	A		Cahill	EA		Maroch	A

Grand Ambassadors / Grootambassadeurs

Bredenkamp	JH		† Labuschagne	PWJ		† Smith	JAR
† Briscoe	WJB		† Posthumus	CJ		Spies	JJ
† Jorritsman	J		† Powell	B			
Kerk	JRB		Sher	L			

Grand Architects / Grootboumeesters

† Austin	WA		Jorritsman	E		† Penchars	BJ
† Bignaut	E		Kloppers	SP		† Robertson	AF
Erasmus	DJA		† Loxton	RT		Schaum	HH

Grand Sword Bearers / Grootwaardraers

Allan	A		Allan	A		† Luyt	A
Blitz	J		Bloom	M		Markantonis	J
† Bloom	M		Brink	W		McKenzie	E
deKlerk	IZ		Bronkhorst	C		† Miller	MJ
† du Plooy	EDC		Coe	CJG		† Morgenrood	CBSnr
† du Toit	DE		du Toit	DE		Prinsloo	MJ jnr
Giesler	RA		Fourie	A		van Heerden	AG

Grand Banner Bearers / Grootvaandeldraers

† Breetzke	NE		† Levitt	HL		† Smulowitz	P
† Geisler	RA		† Perkins	JFC		Stapelberg	S
† Hobson	GC		† Rosch	AJ			
† Joubert	JM		† Rothman	CR			

Grand Director of Music / Groot Direkteurs van Musiek

† Banks	W		de Jager	JG		Victor	JHJ
Breedt	GPA		Ladbrook	RH		Wentzel	R
† Bussy	BR		Stemmet	DJ			

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Grand Inner Guards / Grootbinnewagte

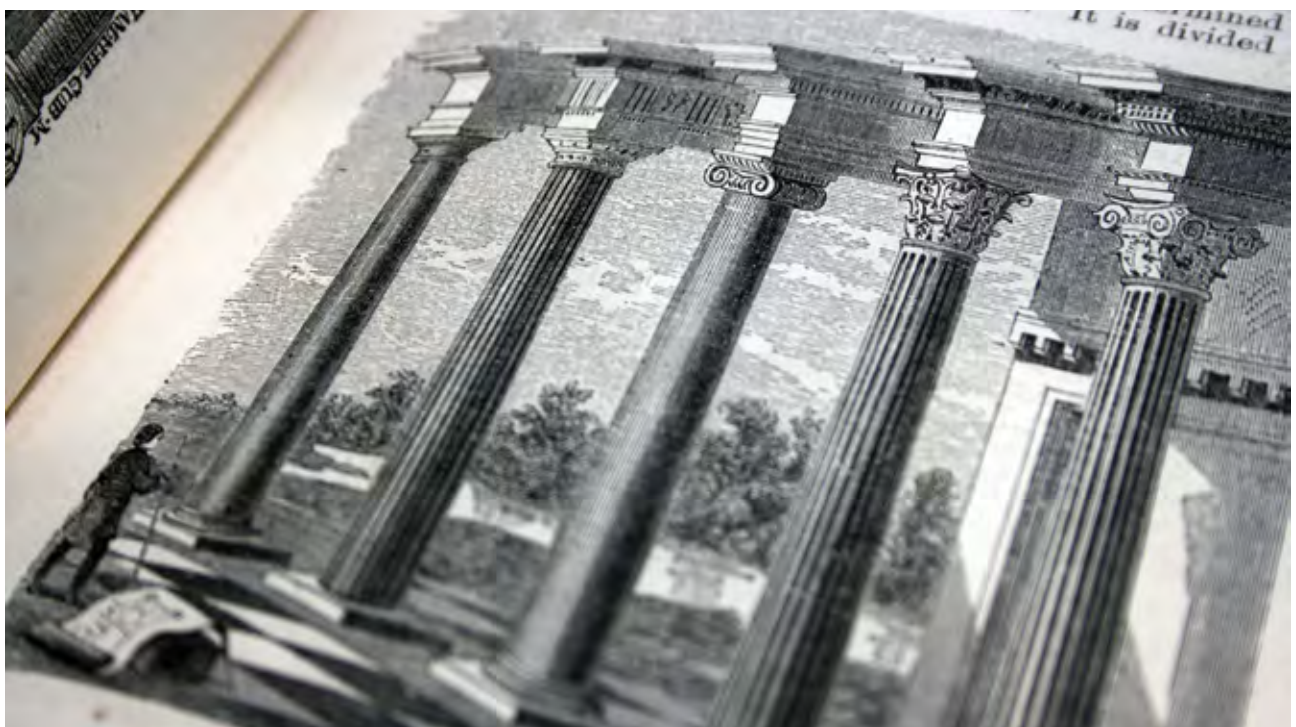
† Brasler	WA		† Kemp	BS		Viviers	GJ
† de Meyer	JPJ		† Reid	MB		† Vogt	RR
† Dickson	BR		Scheepers	JM			

Grand Tylers / Grootbuitewag

	Cronje	JP		Pretorius	GJ	OSM/ODV	Wilson	RAB
†	Kammerman	PA		† Prinsloo	MJSnr			

Grand Stewards / Groothofmeesters

† Badenhorst	IC		† Esterhuizen	WJJ		Lewis	S
Barry	TJ		† Fairweather	A		† Louis	SL
† Bartlett	HD		† Feigel	LF		Lubowski	AJ
† Bell	IM		Fourie	JWS		† McCullum	JW
Berman	A		Foye	D		McHardy	JC
† Botha	C		† Gray	M		† Mirfin	LH
† Bouwer	S		† Grobler	LM		Ramos	MF
Brenner	JC		† Groenewald	PL		Rudman	L
† Buisansky	M		Haggerty	TA		† Sagor	S
Burchell	GH	OSM/ODV	Haupt	AH		Seaward	HE
Butters	CT		Hopf	HPJ		Singer	B
† Calitz	AJ		Israel	M		Smit	JLE
Ciilliers	AC		† Jacobs	WD		† Solms	JL
Cooper	S		Jacobs	JH		Stevens	J
Cotter	W		† Jacobson	SGS		Steyn	JJ
† de Klerk	JC		Johnson	WC		Steyn	MH
† de Wigt	JAJ		† Kaplan	A		Steyn	PH
† de Wit	JJ		† Katz	R		† Teren	AG
† Denison	JC		† Kersh	G		van Niekerk	PA
du Plessis	SC		† Kloppers	GWP		Verster	GP
du Plooy	JP		† Lake	AJ		Viljoen	NL
Ellis	HJ		† Lampert	WG		Visser	G
Eloff	PA		† Larsen	CA		† Widmonte	R
Engela	DJ		† Lazarow	ZL		Wilken	EJWJ
Engela	TW		† Levy	JB			
Eschor	R		Lewis	N			



PAST GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED OUD GROOTLOOSIE RANG TOEGEKEN

Past Grand Masters / Oud-Grootmeesters. Past Deputy Grand Masters / Oud-Adjunk-Grootmeesters.

† Rose	JG		Levin	M	OSM/ODV			
			van Niekerk	A	OSM/ODV			

Past Grand Senior Wardens / Oud-Groot Eerste Opsieners

† Bergman	P		Kroukamp	JJ		† Sacks	CM	
† Gorvalla	PI		† Landsberg	W		Slabbert	CL	
† Griesler	RA		† Lawley	HR		† van Zyl	WJ	
† Henschel	PA		† Moore	C		† Vincent	T	
† Knoetze	FG		† Nel	JP				

Past Grand Junior Wardens / Oud-Groot Tweede Opsieners

† Adendorf	MJ		Human	JA		Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	
Becker	HL		Johnson	BC		Raymond	RS	
Botha	TJGV		† Kaestner	SP		Rozen	M	
Burchell	GH	OSM/ODV	† Kitay	EG		Smit	HPJJ	
† Burton	EG	OSM/ODV	Milanesi	M		van der Merwe	DS	
† Davel	JC		† Myburgh	BC		† van Zyl	PdeW	
Fourie	JN		† Naude	PJ		Vassiliades	T	
† Gould	L		Neuhaus	BL		Wellish	W	

Past Orators / Oud-Grootredenaars

† Austin	WA		† Linde	JJ		Schroder	PJ	
Botha	FJ		† Louis	SL		Selobiwitz	MW	
† Braude	JH		Louis	L		Stam	JJ	
de Klerk	IZ		Mitchell	SF		† Swanepoel	EA	
† du Plessis	H		Pistorius	FWT		van der Vyver	V	
† Jordaan	PJ		Potgeiter	AD		† Whiting	CW	
Kantor	W		† Pretorius	GJ	OSM/ODV	Wolman	I	
† Lewis	N		Raymond	S				

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud-Grootseremoniemeesters

† Allan	IR		Gray	W		Olpin	P	
Amoils	S		† Greenman	SR		† Roussouw	FP	
† Bell	EA		† Gross	G		† Roussouw	GP	
† Bergh	WJA		Hattingh	C		† Schultz	HW	
Beumer	HL		Hirson	P		Scott	deB	
† Briscoe	WJA		Jordaan	R		Smith	JAF	
de Jager	JL		† Kaestner	LH		Spies	BDJ	
du Toit	JJ		† McNamara	CM		Spies	BDP	
Engelbrecht	JA		† Mirfin	LH		van der Merwe	J	
† Gilson	WJA		† Neethling	JJF				

Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies / Oud-Assistent-Grootseremoniemeesters

† Borrowman	D		† Shields	SET		Wade	DFW	
Klempner	WHA							

Past Grand First Preparator / Oud-Groot Eerste Geleiers

† Annandale	CF		† Powell	BJ		van der Merwe	PHG	
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Past Grand Almoners / Oud-Grootaalmoeseniers

Brenner	B		Leary	N		Mare	FR	
Finnern	H							

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Past Grand Lodges

Past Grand Ambassadors / Oud-Grootambassadeurs

† Bartlett	HD		† Lazarow	ZL		† Shapiro	S
Bronkhorst	C		† Lokker	FW		† Singer	B
† Cooper	AA		Lombaard	JA		van Rensburg	D
de Jager	J		Lutrin	I		† van Wyk	DIS
Grobbelaar	A		† Muller	PW		† Vlismas	JS
† Hermanson	WC		† Nestadt	M		† Widmore	R
Jacobs	JJ		Papavarnasas	PS			

Past Grand Inspectors / Oud-Grootinspekteurs

	Beets	MJ		McHardy	JC		† Teren	AG
† Berman	H			Sagor	S		van Niekerk	PA
Inggs	CJC			Seaward	HE		Verster	GP
† Lampert	W			Smit	JLE		Viljoen	NL
Larsen	CA		† Solms	JL			Visser	G
Levy	JB			Stevens	J		† Widmonte	R
Lewis	S			Steyn	JJ		† Wilken	EJWJ
Lubowski	A			Steyn	MH		Zweigelaar	H
† McCullum	JW			Steyn	PH			

Past Grand Architects / Oud-Grootboumeesters

† Bloom	M			Buirski	J		† Ressel	I
† Bloom	M			Coe	CJG		Roussouw	BR
† Brink	W			du Toit	DE		Rudman	L
Bronkhorst	C			Fourie	A		Schaum	H
Bronner	A			Haasbroek	J		Smit	AJ
Coe	CJG			Henning	PJ		Smit	DS
du Toit	DE			Manefeldt	K		van den Berg	SL
Fourie	A			Mathysen	JJ		van der Velden	JD
Haasbroek	J		† Mouton	C			van Loggerenberg	CJM
† Brink	W			Muhlenbeck	FMV		Vosloo	DJ
Britz	J			Notnagel	GC		White	KMP
Bronner	A			Peacock	JM		Zaayman	VH

Past Grand Sword Bearers / Oud Grootwaardraers

† Brecher	BG			† Gulbranson	H		† Vosloo	GS
Cronje	JP			† Joubert	JM		Walt	A
Grobler	WJ			McKenzie	E			

Past Grand Banner Bearers / Oud-Grootvaandeldraers

	Cilliers	AC			Dennison	JCJ		† Looek	FB
	Cooper	S		† Dickson	B			Merselaar	AC
† Davies	ET			Jooste	PC			Taul	FE
† de Witt	JAJ		† Kemp	BS			† van Vuuren	T	

Past Grand Directors of Music / Oud-Groot Direkteurs van Musiek

† Cross	RF			Morrison	RA		† Thompson	RJ
Leal	LdeV			Scheffer	W		Wilken	P

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Past Grand Inner Guards / Oud Grootbinnewagte

† Badenhorst	IC		Johnson	WC		Rom	A
† Brasler	WA		Kaganson	S		† Rosenthal	P
† Butters	Ct		† Kaplan	A		† Smith	EJ
Coetzee	P		† Lello	DO		van Zyl	FJ
du Plessis	SC		Levin	MJ		Visagie	F
† Gray	M		Mizon	RS		Whale	M
† Greeff	P		Mouroukian	C		Wilson	RAB
Jacobs	W		Prentzler	W			

Past Grand Tylers / Oud-Grootbuitewag

Gerson	A		† Schmuck	WN		Slabbert	D
Nayman	A						

Past Grand Stewards / Groothofmeesters

Audie	E		Erasmus	GM		Nell	BJ
Block	M		† Esterhuizen	WM		Newton	LCJ
† Bosman	IDW		Feigel	EM		Peggs	FWT
† Brown	EM		† Ferreira	S		Pistorius	SD
Caplan	D		Greyling jnr	JC		† Rinquist	J
Coetzee	J		Insley	FT		Rossouw	J
Coetzer	PA		James	A		† Rubenstein	
† Cohen	J		Kerwan	L		† Sandler	D
† Cohen	Jean		le Roux	PJ		† Shein	G
Cohen	FH		Levitt	CB		† Sher	M
Cohen	M		† Lindeijer	JA		† Staub	P
Combrink	J		Louw	RNP		† Strauss	AJ
† Cowan	NC		† MacMaster	MG		Veitch	F
Crofton	S		† Mankowitz	S		† von Brandis	MF
de Jager	FH		Marais	FJ		Westwood	WJ
de Klerk	JC		McFarlane	CM		Wilkin	GJ



SIXTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL

SIERAAD VIR SESTIG JAAR DIENS

Name of Recipient		Lodge	No.
Nam van Ontvanger		Losie	Nr.
Raymond	S	de Goede Verwachting	23

Name of Recipient		Lodge	No.
Nam van Ontvanger		Losie	Nr.
Wolman	I	de Goede Verwachting	23

FIFTY YEARS' MASONIC SERVICE JEWEL

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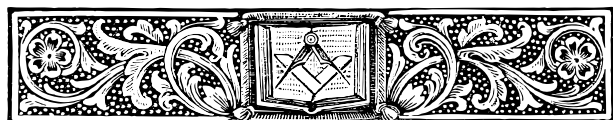
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Nam van Ontvanger		Losie	Nr.
† Ackerman	JHT	De Goede Hoop	1
Amoils	S	Springbok	87
Appleton	I	Friendship	95
† Austen	WA	William Vogts	51
† Bain	WJ	Neerlandia	31
Baker	H	De Goede Verwachting	23
Baker	JM	Star of the East	28
Basson	JAL	De Goede Hoop	1
Bauser	RS	OSM/ODV Peace & Harmony	11
Bell	IM	Alpha	89
Bergman	P	Fidelity	34
Blignaut	HER	Dromedaris	77
Bloch	S	Benoni Golden Jubilee	76
Botha	FJ	Diamond	22
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
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	H	Fidelity	34
Cohen	M	De Goede Verwachting	23
† 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

Name of Recipient		Lodge	No.
Nam van Ontvanger		Losie	Nr.
† de Lange	JF	Fidelity	34
† de Lange	JH	Ossewa	52
Droesti	GM	De Goede Hoop	1
† du Plessis	HJ	Star of the Rand	15
† Edmeades	HC	Brandfort	33
† Edwards	RA	De Goede Trouw	2
† Ellman	A	Unie	4
† Feintach	M	Kaapstad	81
† Fiegel	IF	Oranje	7
† Fourie	GP	Saamwerk	94
† France	HR	Strelitzia	122
Gasson	SR	OSM/ODV Royal Protea	55
Germushuizen	J C M	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
Grobler	WJ	Aurora	8
Groenewald	C G	OSM/ODV A J Haak	60
† Haarburger	HH	OSM/ODV Unie	4
Hamilton	CG	Theophilus	107
Hancke	LeR	Jacob de Mist	44
† Hermanson	WC	Marina	25
† Jabkowitz	P	Fidelity	34
† Joubert	JM	Welkom	58
Joubert	DCJ	Marina	25
† Kaestner	SP	Albert J Haak	60
† Kahn	JH	Benoni Golden Jubilee	76
Karon	M	De Goede Verwachting	23
† Katz	M	Equity	39
† Katz	S	Equity	39
† Katz	R	Star of the East	28



Name of Recipient		Lodge	No.
Nam van Ontvanger		Losie	Nr.
Katz	CW	De Goede Verwachting	23
Kruger	FJ	Theophilus	107
Lande	L	Freindship	95
† Lawley	HR	De Goede Trouw	2
† Lello	DO	Prins Frederik	19
Levin	MJ	Cape Town	138
Levin	B	Kaapstad	81
Levin	M	OSM/ODV Kaapstad	81
† Levy	J	De Goede Verwachting	23
† Looek	F	Bartholomeuz Dias	72
† Maree	JL	L'Agullas	36
Meeuwesen	JAS	Jacob de Mist	44
† Mincer	JJ	L'Agullas	36
Minnaar	JJ	Equity	39
† Mirfin	LH	Westerford	43
† Momberg	CC	The Rising Star	129
† Nestadt	M	Star of the East	28
Ostrowski	SC	Star of the East	28
† Penchartz	M	Unie	4
† Phillips	HL	De Goede Verwachting	23
Pistorius	FWT	Die Broederband	17
Potgeiter	JH	Voortrekker	41
Radcliff	RW	Meerensee	118
Raymond	S	De Goede Verwachting	23
† Reicherberg	AM	Brandfort	33
Robertson-Cumming	HH	Peace & Harmony	11
† Rosen	AJ	Equity	39
Roux	Lk	Marina	25
† Rubenstein	J	Hiram	105
Saddington	C	Marina	25
Salem	JEA	Hon PDGM	
† Schahmann	IS	Star of the Rand	15
† Scheinbaum	H	Star of the East	28
† Schulz	HW	Ossewa	52

Name of Recipient		Lodge	No.
Nam van Ontvanger		Losie	Nr.
† Shapiro	SH	Eugenia	50
† Shein	G	Vaalrivier	84
† 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
Snayman	W C	Jacob de Mist	44
† Stein	M	De Goede Verwachting	23
† Stern	HL	Muizenberg	46
† Steyn	JJ	Frere	13
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 Rensburg	JJ	Bultfontein	123
van Rensburg	D	Oranje	7
van Wyk	JL	Trichardt	106
† Viljoen	NL	Aurora	8
† Violet	SA	OSM/ODV Marina	25
Vosloo	GS	Vereeniging	67
Webb	TV	De Goede Hoop	1
Wellish	W	Neerlandia	31
† Williams	DE	Iquiniso	92
Willis	PL	Marina	25
Wolman	IS	Kaapstad	81



REPRESENTATIVES: SISTER GRAND LODGES

VERTEENWOORDIGWERS: SUSTER GROOTLOOSIES

Grand Lodges in amity with the GLSA.

Grootloosies met wie die Grootloosie van Suid-Afrika in vriendskap verkeer.

Britse Eilande / British Isles				
Engeland / England	Groenewald OSM	CB	Viscount Bledisdale	
Ierland / Ireland	Gasson OSM	SR	Canon EB Snow	
Skotland / Scotland	Levin OSM	M	Lord Bellhaven and Stenton	
Australasië / Australasia				
New South Wales	Bowen OSM	JT	Bieshevel	JA
Queensland	Katz	C	Perryer	HV
South Australia	Viljoen	NL	Hadrlick	PD
Tasmania	Barnard	CW	Sellers	FC
Victoria	Johnson		Rolley	WH (Rev)
West Australia	Pending	FP	Beales	BG
New Zealand	Bowen	JT	Miller	RB
Kanada / Canada				
Alberta	Olivier	JHC	Syan	PS
British Columbia	Gilbert	DJ	Thompson	WR
Manitoba	Clark	GAL	Nicholson	GF
New Brunswick	Olpin	PM	MacMillan	WA
Nova Scotia	Alexander	AAB	Zwicker	R
Ontario	Heckman	CCR	Intig	GFW
Prince Edward Island	Botha	EJ	MacNevin	L
Quebec	Whittaker	JW	Kershaw	MA
Saskatchewan	Neuhaus	BL	Harmsworth	EF
Midde-Ooste / Middle East				
Israel	Amoils	S	Kantor	W
Iran (in exile)	Pending		Pending	
Turkey	Ferreira	PH	Kalon	A
Asië / Asia				
Philippines	Pending	W	Nabong	JC (Jnr)
India	Glenton	H	Raizada	BK
Japan	Kroukamp	JJ	Dyck	RC
China	Smit	HPJJ	YU	FTJ
Sentraal en Suid-Amerika / Central and South America				
Argentine	van der Merwe	P	Mendez	HF
Bolivia	Botha	FJ	Howie	J
Brasil, Grande Orient do	Staal	FB	Viann	WN
Chile	Crous	RH	Ortiz-Ramirez	A
Colombia (at Barranguilla)	Wellish	W	Eidelman	Zev
Colombia (at Bogota)	Wellish	W	Cruz	GB
Costa Rica	Lindeque	BG	Bujan	M
Ecuador	Pending		Nieto	H

Sentraal en Suid-Amerika / Central and South America

Honduras	Pending		Tenorio	LA
Mexico (York, Grand Lodge of)	Louis	SL	Kuntz	HR
Peru	Milanesi	M	Moores	WT
Puerto Rico	Pending		Bonilla	RV
Salvador	Gray	WJ	Barake	NAS
Uruguay	Finnern	HE	Butteri	MA
Venezuela	Karstens	GS	Vingerhoedt	F

Afrika /Africa

Benin	Pending		Pending	
Burkina Faso	Pending		Pending	
Cameroon	Pending		Pending	
Congo	Bowen	JT	Pending	
Gabon	Bowen OSM	JT	Pending	
Guinea	Newby-Fraser	SK	Pending	
Ivory Coast	Viljoen	HDG	N'Guessan	A
Madagascar	Pending		Pending	
Mali	Hinrichs	RC	Pending	
Mauritius	Pending		Pending	
Niger	Pending		Pending	
Senegal	Schuitemaker	GLN	Agbogba	A
Togo	Pending		Pending	

Europa /Europe

Andorra	Pending		Pending	
Austria	Wellish	W	Kloser-Homa	H
Belgium	Pending		Corbet	J
Czech Republic	Pending		Pending	
Cyprus	Lindeque OSM	BG	Pending	
Denmark	Zaayman	VH	Selnaes	B
Estonia	Pending		Pending	
France	Zaayman	VH	Batham	C
Finland	Gasson	SR	Ignatius	V
Germany	Finnern	HE	Sand	T (Dr)
Greece (National Grand Lodge of)	Papavarnavas	PS	Sariganides	C
Hungary	Pending		Pending	
Iceland	Boshoff	FD	Isaksson	E
Italy	Pending		Pending	
Luxembourg	Greyling	JC	Klestadt	G
Netherlands	Bauser	RS	Schultink	R
Norway	Becker	HL	Falkenberg	K
Poland	Pending		Pending	
Portugal (Regular Grand Lodge of)	Watson	A	Amaro	PEM
Serbia	Pending		Pending	
Spain	Klein	N	Pinto	TS
Switzerland	Breedt	GC	Bally	D
Russia	Pending		Pending	
Ukraine	Pending			

Verenigde State van Amerika / United States of America

Alabama	Lindeque OSM	BG	Carson	HL
Alaska	Klein	N	Maynard	ML
Arizona	Becker	HL	Oakley	RL
Arkansas	Lindeque OSM	BG	Weaver	JE
California	Bowen OSM	JT	Dayton	LE
Colorado	Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	Allan	N
Connecticut	Janse van Rensburg	PL	Ayers	KW
Prince Hall - Connecticut	Pending		Pending	
Delaware	Breedt	GPA	Talbott	RL
Florida	Ferreira	PH	Steve	G (Jnr)
Georgia	Willemse	CJ	Mills	P
Hawaii	Pending		Pending	
Idaho	Alexander	AAR	Goslin	BR
Illinois	Schuitemaker	GLN	Turner	WL
Indiana	Watson	A	Bixly	RE
Iowa	(Not appointed)			
Kansas	Glenton	H	Willey (111)	JW
Kentucky	Pretorius	GJ	Thomas	JF
Louisiana	Willemse	CJ	Folds	CB
Maine	Neuhaus	BL	Chase	RE
Maryland	Karstens	GS	Jennings	DE
Massachusetts	Johnson	BC	Gootlz	JL
Prince Hall - Massachusetts	Pending		Pending	
Michigan	Marais	FJ	Schmidt	JF
Minnesota	Louis	SL	Luhm	TR
Mississippi	Rhodie	AGA	Hillman	DM
Missouri	Ahrens	HW	Hopkins	GE

Verenigde State van Amerika / United States of America

Montana	van Niekerk	A	Salsbury	DT
Nebraska	Rhodie	AGA	Jones	D
Nevada	Stemmet	DJ	Hokanson	GK
New Hampshire	Viljoen	HDG	Walker	JM
New Jersey	Pending		Picking	LD
New Mexico	(Not appointed)			
New York	Alexander	AAR	Smith	CJ
North Carolina	van der Merwe	P	Hartsell	ED
North Dakota	Horn	PT	Ohrt	HA
Ohio	Wethmar	HA	Nolanoy	CA
Oklahoma	Becker	HL	Weese	AS
Oregon	Wolman	J	Adams	MD
Pennsylvania	(Not appointed)			
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	Prinsloo	MJ	Wright	DG
South Carolina	Watkinson	PN	Snow	WZ
South Dakota	Bauser OSM	RS	Bandelman	HJ
Tennessee	Rudram	N	Henderson	REC
Texas	Gasson OSM	SR	Alford	JD
Utah	Pending		Woodward	J
Vermont	Pending		Greenleaf	WE
Virginia	Levin	M	Adams	WY
Washington	Greeff	PA	Morgan	CT
Washington (DC)	Pending		Kirk	DD
West Virginia	Burchell	GH	Lucas	SK
Wisconsin	Hancke	le R	Soberg	DJ
Wyoming	Not appointed			

RT WOR ADRIAN (BULLET) AUGUSTUS RHODES ALEXANDER

9th February 2008

It is a great honour for me to stand here and pay tribute to a dear friend and brother. Adrian Augustus Rhodes Alexander, affectionately known to many as "BULLET."

On Saturday the 9th of February he passed to the Grand Lodge above, it was our loss and if I can be so presumptuous to say GODS gain. To you Ann, Karen, Bret, Bringie, Yvonne and the Grandchildren I convey to you the deepest sympathy and the condolences of all the members of Grand Lodge. Adrian was born on the 12th September 1934 in the village of Umbogintwini Natal. His primary school education began there, he then moved on to Durban Boys High school, it was here that his love of sport began, He was a good athlete, captained the school first 15 rugby team, and played rugby for Natal schools.

Adrian first saw the light of Freemasonry in February 1964 in Lodge Amanzimtoti N° 1412 English Constitution, he was passed to the Fellow-craft degree in June 1964 of the same year and then raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in February 1965. and in 1970 he became Master of the lodge. It was around this time that he met and married Margaret Mathie, together they had a daughter Karen, she was the apple of his eye, followed by his grandchildren.

In 1967 he joined Lodge Dromedaries N° 77 on the roll of the Grand Lodge serving as its master on 3 occasions. His attributes were soon noticed and in 1974 he was invited to join the Provincial Grand Lodge of Natal. In 1981 he became an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and in 1982 he was promoted to Deputy and in 1987 he was made Provincial Grand Master, an office which he held for 9 years.

He became First Grand Principal of Royal Arch Freemasonry an office he held for three years from 1997 to 2000.

In 2003 he was installed as Assistant Grand Master and in 2005 he was installed as Deputy Grand Master, he served this office for approximately 18 months but due to ill health he asked to be retired.

When Lodge Dromedaries celebrated its fiftieth birthday In September 2007 the Grand Master honoured him by awarding him the O.S.M. (Order of Service to Masonry) for those of you who do not know, this is the highest honour that can be awarded to a Freemason.

Adrian was at one time chairman of the Comrades Marathon Association and was honoured with life membership. He had a long and distinguished career as a runner from 1968 to 1991 running a total of 13 Comrades Marathons and obtaining his green number in perpetuity.

Adrian was what I would call a well read student of Freemasonry. This helped him lead his life like a true mason, he always had time to listen to other peoples problems, he was never too busy to offer a helping hand to those in need and asked nothing in return, he was extremely benevolent in the community giving of his time and money to such organizations as St Christopher's School for handicapped children.

Most men leave their foot prints in sand, the marks of which are swept away by the night tide, some men embed their foot prints in clay which the sun dries and preserves for a season or two. But Adrian "BULLET" Alexander, has left his foot prints in indestructible stone. His human form will decay and waste away yet his memory will live for ever in the minds of all those who knew him.





THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE
of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Newsletter 04

September 2008

**Official Visit to the
Grand Lodge of South Africa**

In mid-July the Grand Master visited officially the Grand Lodge of South Africa, and attended the Annual Communication held in Johannesburg, on Saturday, July 19. In the Grand Lodge he was escorted by the MW Bro Ben Lindeque, PGM and welcomed by the Acting GM RW Bro. A. Watson.

On Friday, July 18, a dinner was offered in the Grand Lodge Building in Orange Grove, in which representatives of all jurisdictions (English, Scottish and Irish) were present. The Grand Master had the chance to have a long discussion with RW Bro. G. Fotinakis, District Grand Master for South Africa North Province, under the United Grand Lodge of England.

During his stay the Grand Master:

- On Monday, July 14, attended the meeting of "Golden City Lodge No 75", during which an Initiation was carried out. Also present were the Deputy GM RW Bro. A. Watson, the PGM MW Bro. Ben Lindeque and a large number of Grand Officers.
- On Tuesday, July 15, visited the South Africa North District Grand Lodge, under the UGLE. He was guided through its Park Lane Masonic Building by the Deputy District GM VW Bro. Prof. Guy Charlesworth.
- On the same day, being guided by the District Grand Secretary W Bro. John Fordham, he visited the Offices, the Museum and the Library of the Scottish Jurisdiction and the Roslin Park Old Age Home, maintained by the Brethren of this Jurisdiction.
- On Thursday, July 17, attended the meeting of "Sound Memory Lodge No 1655" (Scottish Jurisdiction). The District GM of Central South Africa under the Grand Lodge of Scotland RW Bro. Robert Law made the Grand Master a Honorary Member of this District Grand Lodge. Also present was the Provincial GM of Northern South Africa under the Grand Lodge of Ireland RW Bro. Cecil FM Bates.

In every day of his stay the Grand Master had the chance to meet many Greek Freemasons, members of the Lodges "Pythagora No 1447" of Johannesburg and "Orpheus No 1537" of Pretoria (both in the Scottish Jurisdiction) and of Lodges under the Grand Lodge of South Africa. Their hospitality and goodwill was incomparable.

This visit is only the beginning of a closer relationship between the National Grand Lodge of Greece and our Greek Brethren in South, Africa.

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GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA: LODGE MEETING & INSTALLATION DATES, 2008/2009

LODGE	No	Founded	Location	Division	Meeting on	No	Installation	Special Date
UNIE	4	1866	Bloemfontein	Central	Thursday	2	September	
de MORGENSTER	9	1870	Kroonstadt	Central	Thursday	3	July	
PEACE & HARMONY	11	1873	Kimberly	Central	Wednesday	1	March	
DIAMOND	22	1907	Koffiefontein	Central	Friday	3	November	
SENEKAL	27	1914	Senekal	Central	Wednesday	2	June	
PARYS	30	1922	Parys	Central	Wednesday	2	October	
CENTRAL FREE STATE	35	1923	Odendaalsrus	Central	Wednesday	4	May	
DAGREEK	45	1931	Bloemfontein	Central	Thursday	1	April	
BULTFONTEIN	123	1977	Bultfontein	Central	Tuesday	2	August	
NEERLANDIA	31	1922	Hunt Road, Durban	Eastern	Tuesday	1	June	
DROMEDARIS	77	1957	Pietermaritzburg	Eastern	Thursday	2	August	
NOORDERLIG	98	1967	Empangeni	Eastern	Saturday	4	November	
THEOPHILUS	107	1971	Margate	Eastern	Thursday	3	July	Saturday
MEERENSEE	118	1975	Empangeni	Eastern	Wednesday	3	May	Saturday
MNGENI	134	1986	NMR, Durban.	Eastern	Thursday	4	February	
FIRST UNITED	140	2008	NMR, Durban.	Eastern	Monday	1	October	
de VEREENIGING	3	1834	Graaf Reinet	Eastern Cape	Friday	2	September	3rd Sat
FIDELITY	34	1925	Port Elizabeth	Eastern Cape	Monday	3	October	
MILTON	49	1936	Queenstown	Eastern Cape	Thursday	3	May	
ROYAL PROTEA	55	1948	East London	Eastern Cape	Thursday	4	November	
BARTHOLOMEUS DIAZ	72	1954	Port Elizabeth	Eastern Cape	Wednesday	4	May	
COELACANTH	137	2002	Gonube	Eastern Cape	Wednesday	4	March	
MAKALANI	114	1973	Grootfontein	Grand Lodge	Friday	2	July	
AURORA	8	1868	Pretoria	Northern	Tuesday	2	March	
ORANGE	12	1878	Rustenburg	Northern	Thursday	2	April	Saturday
STAR OF THE RAND	15	1889	Park Lane	Northern	Tuesday	3	March	
LIBERTAS	16	1890	Krugersdorp	Northern	Wednesday	4	June	
DIE BROEDERBAND	17	1892	Pretoria	Northern	Wednesday	3	February	
PRINS FREDERIK	19	1894	Orange Grove	Northern	Tuesday	4	June	
STAR OF THE EAST	28	1920	Benoni	Northern	Tuesday	4	May	
DIE VOORTREKKER	41	1931	Germiston	Northern	Tuesday	4	January	
STAR OF THE WEST	56	1948	Klerksdorp	Northern	Thursday	last	November	Saturday
ALBERT J HAAK	60	1951	Krugersdorp	Northern	Friday	1	November	
M W PRETORIUS	62	1951	Carltonville	Northern	Wednesday	3	October	Saturday
SONOP	63	1952	Germiston	Northern	Wednesday	2	January	
STAR OF NORTH	64	1952	Pietersburg	Northern	Thursday	4	February	Saturday
PRES BURGERS	70	1954	Pretoria	Northern	Thursday	1	August	
GOLDEN CITY	75	1956	Orange Grove	Northern	Thursday	3	August	
BENONI GOLDEN JUBILEE	76	1957	Benoni	Northern	Thursday	4	October	
KOH - I- NOOR	79	1957	Pretoria	Northern	Monday	1	November	Saturday
VAALRIVIER	84	1958	Ermelo	Northern	Monday	1	February	Saturday

Installation Dates

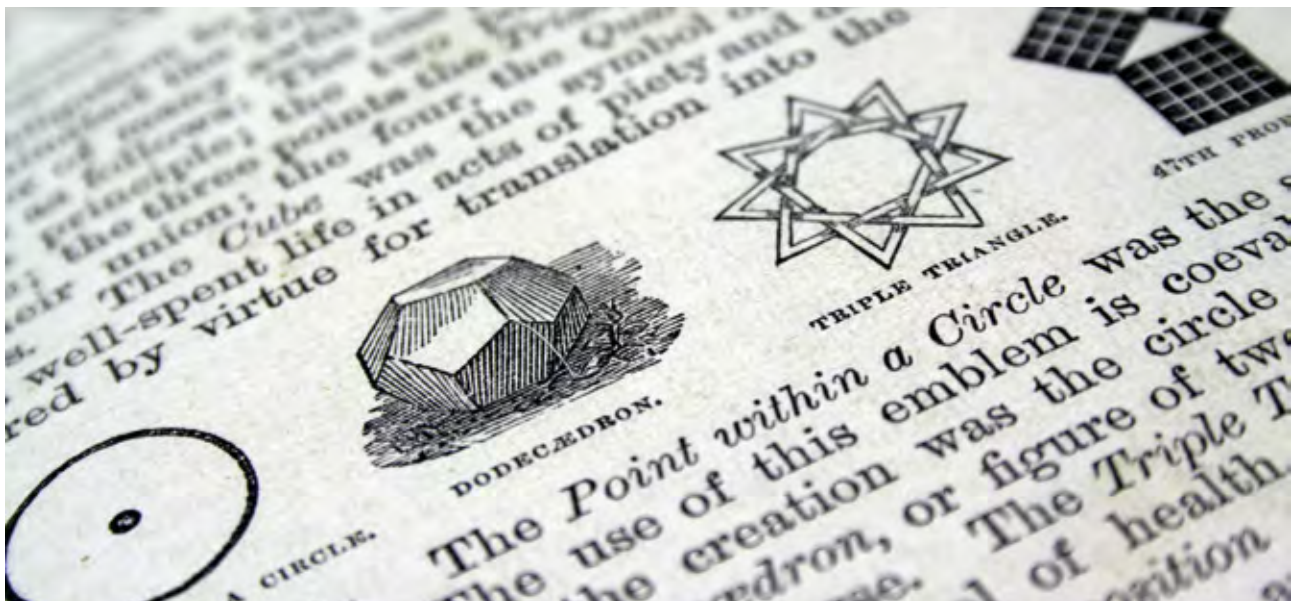
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Lodge Meeting

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ALPHA	89	1962	Orange Grove	Northern	Tuesday	1	February	
FRIENDSHIP	95	1963	Orange Grove	Northern	Wednesday	4	September	
TRICHARDT	106	1970	Trichardt	Northern	Thursday	2	January	Saturday
BRITS	110	1972	Brits	Northern	Thursday	2	September	Saturday
THE RISING STAR	129	1983	Pretoria	Northern	Tuesday	3	October	
JOCK OF BUSHVELD	130	1983	Nelspruit	Northern	Saturday	1	July	Saturday
GERMANIA	131	1984	Orange Grove	Northern	Thursday	2	February	
FLAMING STAR	139	2005	Orange Grove	Northern			July	
de GOEDE HOOP	1	1772	Cape Town	Southern	Wednesday	2	June	
de GOEDE TROUW	2	1800	Cape Town	Southern	Tuesday	4	June	
ST JAN	6	1867	Malmesbury	Southern	Saturday	2	May	
ORANJE	7	1867	Paarl	Southern	Monday	2	July	
de GOEDE VERWACHTING	23	1908	Cape Town	Southern	Thursday	3	August	
MARINA	25	1908	Cape Town	Southern	Tuesday	3	September	
L'AGULLAS	36	1926	Bredasdorp	Southern	Tuesday	2	May	
BELLVILLE	42	1931	Bellville	Southern	Wednesday	1	June	
WESTERFORD	43	1931	Cape Town	Southern	Thursday	2	May	
JACOB de MIST	44	1931	Cape Town	Southern	Thursday	1	October	
MUTUAL	53	1940	Cape Town	Southern	Thursday	3	November	
JOHAN van RIEBEECK	66	1953	Cape Town	Southern	Monday	3	February	
ORANJE-NASSAU	71	1954	Cape Town	Southern	Monday	4	July	
C J LANGENHOVEN	93	1963	Paarl	Southern	Monday	1	August	
SIMON van der STEL	101	1968	Cape Town	Southern	Monday	2	October	
ZUR EINTRACHT	105	1970	Cape Town	Southern	Monday	3	October	
HIRAM	108	1971	Cape Town	Southern	Tuesday	3	June	
HELDERBERG	116	1975	Strand	Southern	Thursday	3	May	
PERSEVERANCE	126	1977	Cape Town	Southern	Tuesday	1	November	
CAPE TOWN	138	2002	Cape Town	Southern	Monday	1	December	



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PGL (SOUTHERN DIVISION)

29th March 2008

Closing Address as PGM - Rt Wor Bro Geoff Edwards

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M Wor, R Wor, V Wor, Wor Brethren and Brethren all. In March 2002, I was installed as Provincial Grand Master and assumed responsibility for the leadership of Southern Division. While it seems like only yesterday, the reality is that 6 years have now passed by and the time has all too quickly arrived where we will install my successor.

In my Installation Address, I outlined some of the challenges that I believed needed to be accepted, and committed myself to a term of office based on action. In my view, men who joined our Order did so with an expectation of an uplifting experience, in which they would have the opportunity to grow as individuals and contribute to the society around them. They had the right to expect to share in a unique Brotherhood, with quality being a key ingredient.

I saw it as essential that our Lodges had a real purpose and that they set ever higher standards for themselves in all their Masonic endeavours. I believed that effective communication was vital if we were to succeed and strongly supported the view that Freemasonry needed to be far more open if it were to appeal to the world we now live in. I was also concerned that far too much of the load was being borne by a small group of distinguished senior Brethren and was determined that we would introduce fresh personalities into the Division's varied activities.

Throughout my term of Office, I have endeavoured to promote these principles, policies and strategies and would hope that, to some extent, progress has been made. Right at the outset, however, I realised that this was not a challenge that I could face alone. It was essential that we have a team as committed to the basic principles as I was. In this regard, we have been extraordinarily fortunate and I cannot praise too highly the contribution of such worthy Brethren as R Wor Bro Alf Rhodie (PGL Secretary), W Bro Justin Buirski (PGL Treasurer), such PGL Commissioned Officers as V Wor Bro Morris Rozen and the W Brethren Robert Heneke, Johann Haasbroek, Jeremy Peacock, Malcolm Lotter, Brian Rossouw and John Smith, and a very special group of PGL Officers who have made the journey such a rewarding one. I am also indebted to such senior Grand Lodge Officers as R W Bros Morris Levin, Andy van Niekerk, Graham Karstens and the late R Wor Bros le Roux Hancke and Hennie Ferreira, whose support and encouragement always meant so much to me.

There are also so many others who have chaired and worked on House Committees, managed and worked at Maynardville, ran Spring Balls, set up new projects and participated in events which bring credit to this Division. Brethren, that I do



not mention each of you by name should never be construed as a lack of my appreciation. In truth, I could never thank you all enough.

On a personal note, I must also thank M Wor Bros Ben Lindeque and John Bowen for providing me with the opportunities that they have, as well as their ongoing encouragement and support. Each and every one of my colleagues at Grand Lodge, as well as in our Sister Divisions, has contributed to our efforts, while the interaction and time spent with the heads of our Sister Constitutions has meant a great deal to me. To my mind, Freemasonry should be enjoyable and stimulating and you've each ensured that, in my life, this has certainly been the case.

As far as highlights are concerned, there seem to have been so many. Over the past 6 years these include, in amongst our normal, ongoing Masonic activities, introducing the weekly PGL Events Schedule, opening our Home for Quadriplegics, upgrading our PGL premises, substantially increasing our Benevolent payments to Masonic widows, producing and launching the book "Exploring the de Goede Hoop Temple", establishing and launching the "Tranquillity Project", initiating the "Young Mason's Forum", restructuring Denid Investments and producing the "GLSA Freemason's Book of Life". Such ongoing projects as Maynardville, the Spring Ball, our Homes for Seniors and the various PGL committees continue to go from strength to strength. The quality of our Division's ceremonial work has greatly improved and our Lodges tend to be committed to and participative in charitable activities. For the most part, our Lodges seem to be enjoying their Freemasonry and have a real purpose.

Having said all that, however, the highlight that has meant most to me, has been the spirit of Brotherhood that has so effectively permeated our endeavours. My Brethren have made me feel that my contribution, however humble it may be, counts and is valued. Above all things, I sincerely hope that I have been able to convey my appreciation and support to you, my Brethren, as effectively as you have projected your support and encouragement to me.

Today we install W Bro John Smith as our new Provincial Grand Master – and, I'm afraid, there is still a great deal to be done. Some of the old challenges still require much work, while there are a whole lot of new challenges now requiring attention. I have every confidence, however, that W Bro Smith will prove a most effective and worthy leader of Southern Division and can only pledge my personal support to all his earnest endeavours.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE (SOUTHERN DIVISION)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

16th August 2008

INTRODUCTION: Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren all;

I extend to you all a very hearty, fraternal and sincere welcome to this my first Annual General Meeting as the Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division. I welcome particularly those Brethren who have come from afar and those who are attending a Provincial Grand Lodge Annual General Meeting for the first time. I trust that you will find the proceedings both enjoyable and informative.

It is further my particular pleasure to welcome the Acting Grand Master, Rt Wor Bro Armiston Watson and the large contingent of Grand Lodge Officers who accompanied you.

Dit is nie net vir ons 'n voorreg om u almal as ons gaste hierdie naweek hier te onthaal nie, maar dit is werklik 'n plesier om 'n rukkie saam met u in die skaduwee van Tafelberg deur te bring.

GRAND LODGE: During this last year three senior Grand Lodge Officers from our Division who were very dear to us, namely Rt. Wor Bro Hennie Ferreira, Rt. Wor Bro Le Roux Hanke and Rt. Wor Bro Willie Snyman were called to higher service. We will miss their different but invaluable contributions to our Division.

I wish to thank Most Wor Bro John Bowen, Most Wor Bro Ben Lindeque, Rt. Wor Bro Armiston Watson and Rt. Wor Bro Geoff Edwards most sincerely for your support and advice during the past months since my installation. I can assure you that it is very much appreciated. I also wish to thank the Grand Secretary, Very Wor Bro Andrew Arthur and his staff for their assistance and co-operation at all times with our Division.

PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE: Ek het 'n Afdeling geerf wat werklik agtermekaar is en ek wil weereens my opregte dank aan SV Br Geoff Edwards betuig vir al die werk wat hy as my voorganger oor die afgelope 6 jaar in hierdie Afdeling verrig het.

Met my bevestiging het ek vir Agb Br Malcolm Lotter as die Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester aangestel. Ek het verder vir die Agb Brs Johan Haasbroek, Jeremy Peacock, Brian Rossouw en Len Kingsley as die Assistent Provinsiale Grootmeesters aangestel. Hulle maak 'n onskatbare en positiewe bydrae tot die bestuur van hierdie Provinsiale Groot Losie en ek is werklik bevoorreg om hulle ondersteuning, hulp en bystand te hê. Hierdie jaarverslag sluit aktiwiteite in waarin hulle almal betrokke is.

The active Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, who I likewise inherited, do not only perform their allotted tasks with zeal and devotion and in a genuine spirit of fraternal harmony, but

many go far beyond the call of duty as will become apparent hereunder. This commitment has earned one of our Senior Wardens, Wor Bro Swenny Crofton, a well deserved active Grand Lodge appointment and we congratulate him on this promotion. For the same reasons I will later today be awarding past Provincial Grand Lodge ranks to certain deserving Brethren. It is indeed a privilege to be part of this team of men.

The administration and finances of the Provincial Grand Lodge, under the direction of our Provincial Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor Bro Alf Rhodie and our Provincial Grand Treasurer, Wor Bro Justin Buirski, are in good order and we were able to recently present a cheque to Grand Lodge which has now brought us in line with the other Divisions which pay their capitation fees to Grand Lodge in advance. I intend repeating the meeting which we held with the Lodge Masters and Treasurers near the end of last year as I believe that financial education and transparency is as essential as Masonic education in maintaining harmonious Lodges in this Division.

I wish to thank these two Brethren, Mrs. June Cox and the non-masonic staff for the outstanding work which they do behind the scenes. It really does make my task so much easier having such capable and dedicated persons on whom I can rely and in whom I can place my complete trust.

We have held the required number of Exco and Management Committee meetings, all of which have been well attended and the matters discussed there and the decisions taken will stand our Division in good stead in the year ahead.

SISTER DIVISIONS: We continue to enjoy a wonderful relationship with our Sister Divisions and we are always extremely well received when we visit them. I wish to thank the Provincial Grand Masters in particular for your attendance here today and for your continued friendship, brotherly love and exceptional hospitality when we visit your Divisions and I look forward to working even more closely with you in the future.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS: We also continue to enjoy a harmonious relationship with our Sister Constitutions. During November 2007 several PGL Officers and I attended the interconstitutional church service and during February 2008 Wor Bro Jeremy Peacock won the interconstitutional potjiekos competition amidst stiff opposition. Several PGL Officers and I attended the installation ceremonies of Bro Charles Smith as the Rt. Wor DGM of the Scottish Constitution and of Rt. Wor Bro Jimmy Duggan as the DGM of the English Constitution. We were equally well received and their hospitality was exceptional.

I was further privileged to meet and take Very Wor Bro Nigel Brown, the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of

England, on an informal tour of this beautiful temple and he was thrilled to receive a copy of the booklet, “Exploring De Goede Hoop” by the late Wor Bro Mike Darwin, as a souvenir of his visit.

The heads of our Sister Constitutions and I have further resumed the practice of meeting once a quarter to discuss matters of mutual Masonic interest.

LIDMAATSKAP EN LOSIES: Meeste van die Losies is aktief en maak, in die algemeen, goeie vordering. As vergoeding hiervoor het ons drie wisseltrofeë beskikbaar gestel en na 'n demokratiese stemproses op bestuursvlak, is die Losie van die Jaar trofee aan Losie De Goede Hoop toegeken. Die Liefdadigheids Losie van die Jaar trofee is aan Losie Hiram toegeken en die Plattelandse Losie van die Jaar trofee is aan Losie Helderberg toegeken.

Losie C.J Langenhoven het 'n suksesvolle golfdag gehou en die gesellige geleentehede, wat twee danse ingesluit het en wat deur vele Losies soos Jacob de Mist, Simon van der Stel, Johan van Riebeeck en Bellville gehou is, om maar net 'n paar Losies te noem, is nie slegs deur lede van feitlik elke Losie in hierdie Afdeling verteenwoordig nie, maar is ook deur 'n groot aantal lede van die publiek bygewoon. Ons jaarlikse uittog na Bredasdorp om Losie L'Agulhas se bevestiging by te woon en wat hierdie jaar deur die Agb Brs Johann Haasbroek en Len Kingsley, in die teenwoordigheid van Grootlosie behartig is, is deur almal terdeë geniet. Alhoewel hierdie Losie ver van ons geleë is, verseker ek julle dat julle baie na aan ons harte lê.

Lodges de Goede Verwachting en Marina will be celebrating their centenaries later in the year and we look forward to attending these once in a lifetime events.

Lodge St. Jan in Malmesbury is making steady progress in its efforts to restore its temple to its former glory and we are delighted that the Rt. Wor Brethren Armiston Watson and Piet Coetzee have joined this Lodge and are taking an active interest in this restoration project.

Our philosophy that every candidate for a degree working is entitled to a quality experience will remain one of our main points of focus and will ensure that a high quality of ritual work is maintained in our Lodges.

During the calendar year 2007 we welcomed 49 new members to our Order which number was set off by 43 resignations and deaths and to date we already have 29 new members for the calendar year 2008. My predecessor's challenge of a 15% nett growth in membership per Lodge per year is hereby repeated and will be encouraged. Certain of our Lodges have several candidates in the pipeline and advertise their workings in the press while all our Lodges continue to promote our Order when the opportunity presents itself.

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Wor Bro Cedric Moroukian continues to manage our central email hub and all our Lodges are now using it to distribute their agendas which ensures that our Lodges are kept informed



of each other's activities and which makes it so much easier for our Brethren to plan their Masonic programs.

I have requested Rt. Wor Bro Geoff Edwards to take charge of the building of our website and also to act as our Webmaster and we look forward with great anticipation to the launch of this project in the near future.

The Young Masons Forum, under the guidance of Wor Bro Brian Rossouw, continues to meet on a regular basis to explore and debate various aspects of Freemasonry and we look forward to many more younger Masons becoming involved in this ongoing educational initiative.

The Tranquillity Project under the leadership of Wor Bro Malcolm Lotter hosted an open evening during May 2008 which exposed our Order to more than 60 gentlemen and their partners. The function was held in this temple and the ritual, “What is Freemasonry”, was performed by the Tranquillity team. A superb informal cheese and wine festive board was held afterwards and we have received requests from Brethren and non masons to host similar events in the future. The Tranquillity Project has also held several demonstration workings and several members of the Tranquillity team have been requested by certain Lodges to assist them with their ceremonial workings.

The Masonic Book of Life, which was compiled by Rt. Wor Bro Geoff Edwards, has become a reality and is being presented to each candidate who completes the Apprentice degree. I have no doubt that it will play a major role in the education of new Brethren.

Ons aanmoediging aan die Broeders in ons Afdeling om die Grootlosie se opleidingskursus te voltooi begin nou pos vat en 'n paar Broeders het gedurende hierdie jaar die kursus materiaal gekoop.

MASTERS AND WARDENS MEETING: This was held during April 2008 and many important aspects were covered. It was most encouraging that the principal officers of the Lodges were prepared to express their views and to debate matters of mutual concern. It was at this meeting that the three Lodges mentioned above were honoured and it is pleasing to see these trophies being displayed with pride in these Lodges during their ceremonial workings. It is anticipated that this annual meeting will now also become the prize-giving event at which Lodges will be honoured in this way for performing outstanding work during the previous year.

LIEFDADIGHEID: Maynardville was weereens 'n groot sukses en Agb Br Jeremy Peacock en sy span word weereens bedank vir hulle harde werk. Die Vrymesselaars se stalletjie het hierdie jaar meer as R 100 000,00 bruto bygedra tot die Gemeenskapskas. Dit is 'n rekord bedrag en is 'n aansienlike verbetering op vorige jare.

Our Benevolent Fund under the chairmanship of Wor Bro Malcolm Lotter, continues to pay monthly grants to certain beneficiaries. This Fund is assisted, in the main, by the generous monthly donation received from Lodge Hiram.

The 33rd Masonic Spring Ball was a resounding success and R 60 000,00 was donated from its proceeds to our Masonic Homes Project. The outstanding mortgage on our Home for Quadriplegics is well under R 100 000,00 and the directors of Denid are actively investigating our next Home project in the Northern Suburbs of our City.

Our 34th Masonic Spring Ball this evening promises to be as spectacular as in the past and I trust that I will be able to spend some time with you there and I sincerely hope that you will all enjoy yourselves. It would be remiss of me not to mention that this is the 21st consecutive year that Rt. Wor Bro Graham Karstens and Rt. Wor Bro Alf Rhodie are serving on the Spring Ball committee. Their untiring service has becoming legendary and this whole committee's dedication is indeed a credit to our Division and their continued efforts in this regard are very much appreciated. Rt. Wor Bro Geoff Edwards has once again compiled the Spring Ball magazine which now rivals several of the glossy magazines on sale in our bookstores. He is also responsible for this meeting's brochures and the inclusion of the colour photographs will ensure that these become souvenirs. Your continued dedication and commitment over the past several years in this regard is unequalled and is much appreciated. Thank you very much indeed.

Losie Helderberg het 'n tweede handse bus, wat omskep is om 6 rystoel passassiers te vervoer, gedurende November 2008 deur 'n derde party gekoop. Ek wil graag vir Agb. Br Raymond Supra in hierdie verband uitsonder en formeel bedank, want dit is hoofsaaklik as gevolg van sy bedrywighede dat hierdie bus aangekoop is, opgeknop is en onlangs aan die Masonieke Huis vir Kwadrupleë geskenk is. Daar is slegs ongeveer R 40 000,00 nog uitstaande op die koopsom en Losie Helderberg sal enige geldelike bydraes in hierdie verband graag ontvang.

Lodge Perseverance continues to support the St, George's Home for Girls in Wynberg and their assistance in providing quality shelter and in creating a nurturing environment for the emotional, spiritual, physical, social and educational needs of these underprivileged and often abused girls is very much appreciated and helps to maintain this home as a beacon of hope in our City.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Our combined annual Provincial Grand Lodge widows and Officers Christmas dinner was held in Lodge Bellville's refectory. This may have been the last time that such an event was held there as the building project has reached an advanced stage.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Fund Raising Committee is distributing raffle tickets for sale to Masons and non - Masons for an all expenses paid 10 day holiday in Russia during 2009 worth approximately R 60 000,00, which initiative I trust all the Brethren will support. It is anticipated that a Lodge which sells more than a certain number of tickets will receive a monetary prize.

Our Masonic Homes continue to function well and our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to the Rt. Wor Brethren Andy van Niekerk, Chris Barnard, Geoff Edwards and Alf Rhodie and to the Wor Brethren Malcolm Lotter, Danny Retief, Brian Rossouw, Nick Leary, Swenny Crofton, Deon Smit and Justin Buirski (to mention but a few Brethren) for all the work which they and their wives do at the homes, on the committees and behind the scenes for the residents. I also wish to thank our Lodges for their continued interest in enhancing the lives of the residents of our Masonic Homes by regularly holding functions at the various homes, by taking the residents out on excursions, by spoiling our residents with gifts and tokens of endearment and by generally ensuring that the sunshine remains shining brightly in their lives.

Broeders, ek wil afsluit deur u te bedank vir u geduld en belangstelling in ons Afdeling se aktiwiteite. Ek vertrou dat die besoekende Broeders julle tyd in Kaapstad met ons sal geniet en dat julle almal veilig by julle bestemmings sal uitkom. Ek wil ook my gesin bedank vir hulle geduld en verdraagsaamheid en ek bid dat die Opper Boumeester van die Heelal ons almal sal seën in al ons Masonieke bedrywighede en voortdurend oor ons weë sal waak.

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Rt. Wor Bro John Smith,
Provincial Grand Master
(Southern Division)



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE: NORTHERN DIVISION. PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE: NOORDELIKE AFDELING.



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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE (NORTHERN DIVISION)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

19th July 2008

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

It is with thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, that I am blessed with the good health and physical strength that enables me to report on a busy and fulfilling period in the life of this division.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA: It is an honour and a privilege to welcome Rt.Worshipful, the Deputy Grand Master and his array of Grand Lodge Officers. In our thoughts and prayers is the hope that our Grand Master will soon be well enough to resume his duties and bless us with his presence.

I trust that the good relationship that currently exists between the Grand Lodge and the Northern Division will continue. I believe that this year has been particularly fruitful in the development of working relationships and that much has been achieved in the resolution of operational opportunities within the Division.

INSTALLATIONS AND PROVINCIAL OFFICERS:

The performances of the dedicated Provincial Grand Lodge Officers have continued to be of a very high standard and a credit to the Division. I most sincerely thank each of you for your efforts and involvement.

The recall of Grand Lodge Officers to officiate at our Installations has added a new dimension to the ambiance of our Installations. Permitting the Lodges to recommend their own Installing Officer has revealed insights into the perceptions held by the Lodges about our Past Ranks. It has revealed that brotherly love really does exist and that this is still very strong for some of our Past Chains. All the Past Chains who conducted Installations did so with panache and sincerity and I extend our thanks to them for showing us "what the oldies" can do. We hope that this practise will continue and that more of our Grand Lodge Officers, obviously, below the rank of Assistant Grand Master, will come out of retirement and assist the PGL in its efforts to improve the image and the cohesion of our Order.

I extend my sincere thanks to Wor.Bro. J Vermaak and his Masters of Ceremony for their efforts in organising and managing the Installations. With a small team to work with, their improvisation and creativity has been something to behold.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

It is with pride and gratitude that I can report that the monthly Executive Meetings are well attended by the Commissioned Officers. The Executive is now demonstrating the strategic

vision and management style that will take us forward. The volume of work and our relatively low numbers on the Executive, make the workload on each Officer quite substantial and I thank the Commissioned Officers for their commitment and efforts.

It is with sadness that I have to confirm that Wor.Bro. Corrie Pieterse has resigned as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Brother Corrie has contributed significantly to the forward thinking of the Executive and was tireless in his efforts to raise the level of Masonic awareness amongst the younger members of the Order. It is regrettable that Brother Corrie has joined a church group that condemns Freemasonry, but we wish him well for the future.

It is my privilege today to re-invest Wor.Bro. C Bronkhorst as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Division. Bro. Coenie was promoted to Grand Lodge at the last Annual General Meeting. I can assure everyone present that his re-appointment in this Division is not a demotion, but rather an affirmation of the recognition that this hard working and truly unselfish Brother deserves. The generosity in the gift of time and effort shown by Bro. Coenie and his rare contemporaries, represent what is truly wonderful in this Order.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Provincial Grand Lodge Management members meet every second month. At this meeting we also have the representatives of the Royal Arch, Ancient and Accepted, Roslin Park, The Willows, and representatives of the relevant committees who report back on their activities. The involvement of the members of the Management Committee in our everyday life within the Division has been increased by giving them the responsibility to mentor the Lodges in best practice in Masonic affairs. In this way, we are receiving early warnings of Lodges that are heading towards difficulties and, hopefully, giving ourselves enough time to avert disaster.

ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSEKEEPING:

Rt.Wor.Bro P van Rensburg has continued to increase the communication levels of the Division. The increasing number of interactions with the Lodges tends to indicate that the Lodges are now accepting that PGL is able to discuss their problems and contribute towards their solutions. Not all interactions are positive however, but this is good and is encouraged. It is only through discussion that we will be able to achieve an organisation that is truly relevant to our rapidly changing environment.

A sincere vote of thanks must be extended to Wor.Bro. Coenie Bronkhorst for the way in which he attempts to keep the facilities at Orange Grove in good condition. This is a thankless task as the expectations of the Tenant Lodges are almost



Lodge Star of the East "in da Bush"

impossible to achieve. The cost of maintaining the fabric of the buildings in good shape is high and is only made affordable by the efforts of Brother Coenie.

LODGES: Regrettably we lost three Lodges during the year. Resurgam Rhodesia was, as its name suggests, a close focus Lodge whose members had grown old together and then seemed to run out of enthusiasm for the cause. The Lodge had been struggling for a number of years and was never able to re-brand itself. Although younger members were initiated, its success rate on retention was not sufficient to ensure its longevity. After closure, only two of its members are still active and this tends to reflect the cause of its demise. Lodge Ossewa just ran out of members. It was opening its meetings by courtesy of serving members who were trying to assist and prevent its closure. We believe that any Lodge can run into trouble for reasons beyond its control, but often the problem is internal and lack of vision and planning are usually the cause. It is comfortable to do the same old things and not disturb the ambiance of the Lodge with new members, but this eventually catches up and is only realised when it becomes a crisis. Serving members do not rescue a Lodge if the Lodge members themselves do not come up with a plan for the future. When Lodge Ossewa closed it had two paying members. How can you run the Lodge with no financial base? Lodge Springbok merged with Lodge Alpha, as they too had reached the stage when they could not claim a quorum. Again, the Brethren had grown old together and the last one standing switched off the light.

The members of the majority of the Lodges in the Division however, are experiencing a newfound enthusiasm for their craft. The wave of younger members joining the Order has stimulated the Past Masters and they are now performing their ritual with renewed vigour. Every Lodge is now regularly conducting degree workings and the standard is rising dramatically. It appears that, whilst lectures and academic papers stimulate the few, a good old degree working still captures the imagination of the many. Some of the Lodges now have workings for the next two years and all are making sure that the period between the first and third degrees for a new entrant is sufficient for him to really learn about the Craft. We believe that the one, two, three meeting Master Mason did enormous damage to the image of the Craft as it cheapened the whole effect. We are pleased to see that our younger members are now being encouraged to earn their degrees and expect them as a right.

MEMBERSHIP: We have been able to introduce 54 new members as Apprentices to the Division during this Masonic year. This coupled with 9 affiliating or joining members gave us 63 new members for the year. Whilst this was the good news, we lost 8 members to higher duty, 1 member was excluded and 56 resigned. With many of the members of the closed Lodges not being active, we have to report a reduction in membership for the year. Whilst this is disappointing, we are confident that the rapidly changing demographics of the Division will start to show positive growth in the next few years. It is already apparent that our "ancient" order is not as "ancient" as it was a few years ago and hopefully, the young men that are

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now having fun and enjoying their Masonry will invite their friends and acquaintances into the Order and so stimulate a growth cycle.

FINANCIAL: A summary of the financial situation of the Division is tabled in the audited financial statements along with the report of the Treasurer. I thank our Provincial Grand Treasurer, Wor.Bro. W Raskop for the work he puts into making sure that we stay on the financial straight and narrow. An innovation implemented this year is to have our monthly accounts produced professionally. We extend a vote of thanks to Chartfords Inc for giving us updated financial accounts in time for our monthly Executive meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: The Strategic Planning initiative has been integrated into the day-to-day running of the Division. This is essential if we are to keep up with the extremely demanding life and challenging environment that we live in. It is necessary that we keep abreast of changes and to adjust and keep up to the needs of our members. I extend my sincere thanks to Wor.Bro. I Heyneke for all his work and guidance in this domain.

SISTER DIVISIONS: I would like to extend my gratitude to the Provincial Grand Masters and representatives of our Sister Divisions who have made the trip to be with us today. I believe that it is of vital importance to assure that a good relationship and excellent communication is maintained with our Sister Divisions. I believe that the future of Grand Lodge has to driven from the “bottom up” and it is our job to make sure

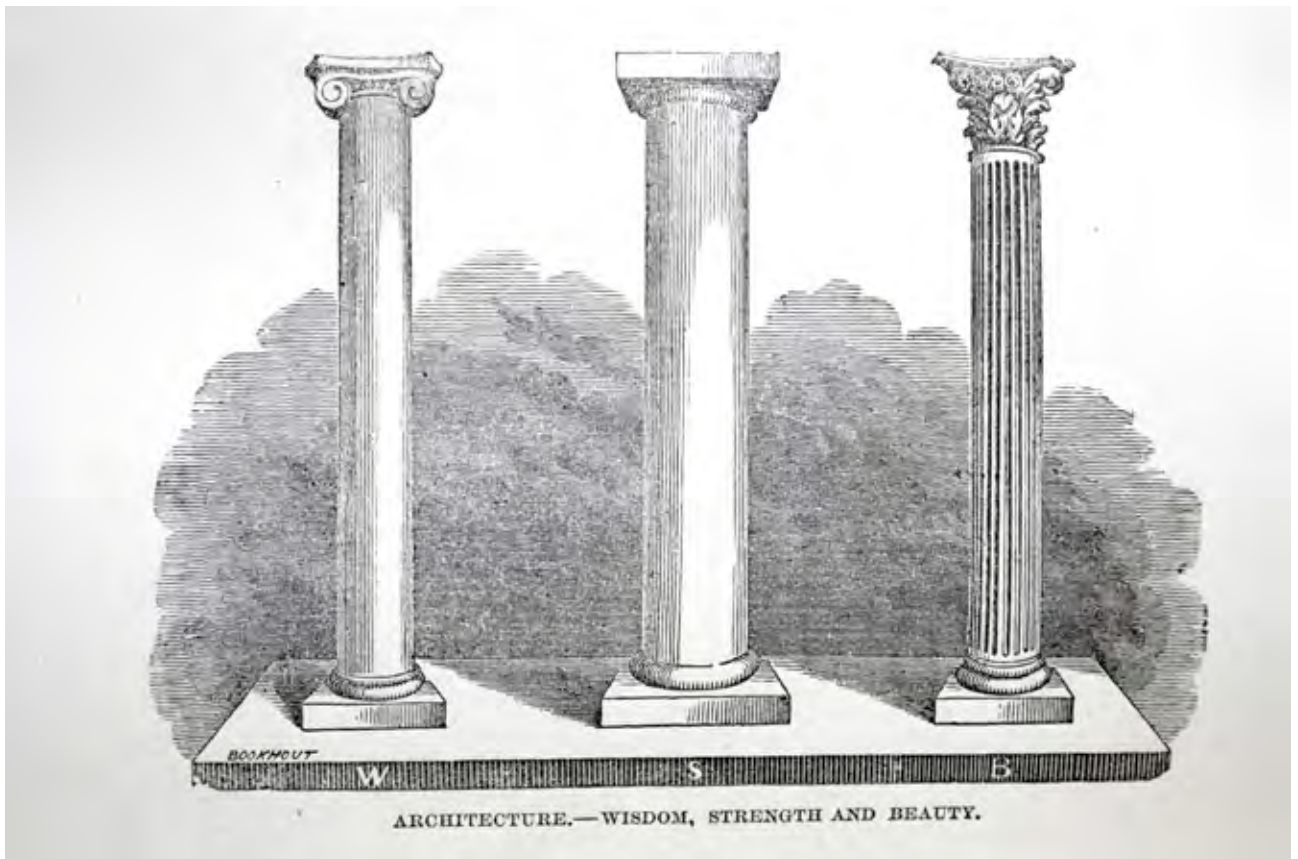
that we discuss and communicate the needs of the members to our upper echelons. If we fail to be aware of the changes taking place at the grass roots, we will deprive our Order of the opportunity to adapt.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS: There is an ongoing friendship and good relationship between the Provincial / District Grand Masters of the different Constitutions operating in our geographical area. I would like to thank you for your presence and trust that you will enjoy the day with us. I thoroughly enjoy our interactions at both the formal and informal meetings that we all attend. I truly believe that the warmth and hospitality that we continue to show each other, reflects the fact that we are Brothers and that the love of the Craft transcends all constitutional differences and allegiances.

CONCLUSION: Last but not least, to Katie Bronkhorst, Liz Stapelberg, Cathy Thomson, Heather Ingle, Henda Heynecke, Lindsay Germishuys, Marie Vermaak and all the other ladies in this Division, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your generous and continuous support of the Brethren of this Division. To my wife Louise, thank you for your support and understanding of my commitment to Freemasonry.

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Rt.Wor. David J Duncan
 Provincial Grand Master
 Northern Division



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE: CENTRAL DIVISION. PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE: SENTRALE AFDELING.



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Annual report by the Provincial Grand Master of the Central Division for the year ending 1st March 2008.

Jaarvergadering van die Provinsiale Grootmeester, Sentrale Afdeling, jaar eindig 1st Maart 2008.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren all, I would like to welcome you all to this annual general meeting of the Central Division.

MW Grand Master and all of the Grand Lodge Officers, it is indeed a great pleasure and an honour to receive you here today.

To my colleagues of the Sister Divisions, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you here today and to thank you for your support during my term of Office. It was always a pleasure to welcome you to our meetings and I was always received with wonderful hospitality when attending your AGM's.

GRAND LODGE: During the year 2007, this Division was fortunate to have several official representations from either the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master. Words cannot express our appreciation for the continued support and interest shown by the Grand Lodge for this Division.

I have had a lot of support from the Grand Lodge throughout my term of Office for which I am grateful. A big word of thanks to the Grand Lodge Secretary and his assistant, Moira, for the support and assistance that we at all times receive from them.

One of the Brethren in this Division received from your hands the coveted 50-year service to Freemasonry jewel. He is R.W.Bro. Frikkie Botha, who was also Provincial Grand Master in this Division for 11 years.

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE: The Provincial Grand Management Committee had two management as well as two Master and Wardens meetings during the year. Unfortunately, due to the

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poor attendance at the Master and Wardens meetings, the information and help that must be passed on does not reach the Lodges that need it the most.

Ek wil ook graag die Gedeputeerde Provinsiale Grootmeester Agb.Br. Piet Henning bedank vir die 5 jaar wat ons saam gewerk het en vir sy ondersteuning. Dit word opreg waardeer. Broer Piet het weens sy gesondheidstoestand ook besluit om sy amp neer te lê. Aan my Assistente, Agbare Broers Alf Bronner en Jan Conradie wil ek ook dankie sê vir julle bydrae die afgelope jaar.

PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE AMPDRAERS: Die bywoning van die Provinsiale Ampdraers was redelik goed, maar ongelukkig was daar 'n paar wat glad nie hulle kant gebring het nie. My dank aan al die Broers vir jul bywoning en ondersteuning. Ek wens hulle alle sterkte toe vir die komende jaar.

LOSIES: Dit gaan redelik goed met die Losies in die afdeling maar daar is nog van die Losies wat sukkel met ledetalle, en bywoning.

Gedurende die jaar was daar 'n hele paar toelatings tot die orde, maar ongelukkig met al die bedankings en skorsings het dit maar net weer die ewewig behou.

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARIAT: The Provincial Grand Secretary / Treasurer, R.W.Bro. Frikkie Botha has once again faithfully and diligently performed his duties to make this division run like a well-oiled machine, despite the differences between him and the Lodge Secretaries.

FINANCES: The finances of the Central Division are still healthy and once again I must thank R.W.Bro. Frikkie Botha who handles this task very well.

OBITUARIES: Two Brethren were called to higher service. Bro's Stan Small (Saambou not active), Attie Ecksteen (Aurora Clocolan not active).

CHARITY: The Provincial Grand Lodge had the privilege to

give a helping hand to four needy widows.

CONCLUSION: It was an honour and privilege to have served as Provincial Grand Master in the Central Division for the past five years. I asked the Grand Master to relieve me of my duties in 2006 as we were moving to the Cape, but due to the circumstances in this Division and also with my own personal circumstances, I stayed on for another two years. Now I am at last retiring and I know that I am leaving this Division in good hands.

Vir my opvolger, Agb.Br. Jan Conradie, wil ek net sê ek wens jou alle sterkte toe en ek hoop jy sal die ondersteuning kry van al die Broers in die afdeling.

I address a few remarks to you today. Brethren, please remember Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and return to the basic thought "KNOW THYSELF" and never be caught in your own egotistical little world. Let us live for one another and learn to forgive the frailties, faults and shortcomings of a Brother.

Ek wil ook graag aan al die dames van die Sentrale Afdeling sê baie dankie vir al die hulp en ondersteuning wat julle aan my vrou verleen het met 'n vergadering en al die liefde en vriendskap wat ons ontvang het, ons gaan julle baie mis.

My dank aan my vrou, Peggy, vir haar ondersteuning, sonder haar bystand sou ek nie kon volhou met al my verpligtinge nie. My innige dank aan die Groot Boumeester van die Heelal vir sy baie seëninge en dat ek met sy genade my tyd as PGM kon voltrek.

To all the Brethren who are travelling home, may God be with you all and may you have a safe journey back to your loved ones.

I want to leave you with this thought: "The fire you kindle for your enemy often burns you more than them".

So mote it be.

W L J Stander

Provinsiale Grootmeester.



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE: EASTERN DIVISION. PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE: OOSTELIKE AFDELING



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REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER EASTERN DIVISION FOR THE MASONIC YEAR 2007-2008

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

On behalf of the Eastern Division, I am delighted to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting of this Division, especially so as this is the end of my first year as Provincial Grand Master.

Met my Bevestiging as Provinsiale Grootmeester nog vars in my geheue, is daar tye wanneer jy wonder of jy agtertoe of vorentoe beweeg. Maar ek wil graag glo dat met die hulp van die Provinsiale Ampsdraers het ons deeglike vooruitgang gemaak en baie het om op trots te wees met die toepassing van Vrymesselary in die Afdeling.

Vir daardie Broeders wat hulle weg oopgesien het om hier te wees, 'n groot Dankie aan iedere en elk van julle. Julle teenwoordigheid word hoog op prys gestel.

It is my sincere wish that you enjoy the afternoon with us, and at the conclusion of the meeting you all travel safely back to your loved ones.

I will now present this Division's activities for the year 2007-2008.

**Deputy Provincial Grand Master /
Adjunk Provinsiale Grootmeester**



Agb.Br. / Wor.Bro. V Muhlenbeck.

GRAND LODGE:

During the past year we have had the pleasure of welcoming the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and on numerous occasions representatives of our Grand Lodge.

Sadly, and of great concern to all, is the fact that at present, the Most Worshipful Grand Master is indisposed due to ill-health and unfortunate circumstances. We sincerely wish him a speedy recovery and return to good health.

To the Grand Lodge Officers in the Division, Past and Present, your support and guidance is highly appreciated. You as Grand Lodge Officers fulfil and play a very important role in the affairs of this Province and at Lodge level.

During the past year our Grand Secretary, V W Bro Andrew Arthur and his assistant Mrs Moira van Dyk has given us their very best service and been of great help to our Provincial Grand Secretary, and for this I thank them.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

1. PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Committee meets bi-monthly. At these meetings the day-to-day workings and interests of the Division are discussed and decisions implemented and forwarded to Lodges to ensure all are fully informed as to what is expected. These MANCO meetings have been well supported by good attendance and valuable input by the members.

The dedication and commitment of my Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Wor.Bro. Victor Muhlenbeck must be commended. He has been directly responsible for compiling an excellent Work Book for our Presiding Masters and a Lodge Secretaries Manual.

His representation at various meetings and contact with our Sister Constitutions has been invaluable.

2. PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY:

We are most fortunate to once again have Wor.Bro. Eric Cahill as our Secretary, assisted so ably by his wife Augusta. The experience of this team in running a Provincial Lodge Office is invaluable. Our records are well kept and Lodge Secretaries have been slowly but surely brought into line. A most valuable Lodge Secretaries workshop was conducted by Bro.Cahill and Br.Victor Muhlenbeck, which we hope will bear fruits at Lodge level in our new year.

We must thank RT Wor.Bro. George Schuitemaker for the invaluable support and assistance he gives the Provincial Office with our computer programme and records.

3. FINANCE:

The finances of the Division are sound and funds prudently invested. Detailed statements of our finances are presented at each MANCO meeting and expenses measured carefully against budget, enabling us to meet all our obligations.

I thank our Provincial Grand Treasurer, Wor.Bro. Rodney Schreuder for his tireless efforts in ensuring that our funds are wisely managed.

4. BENEVOLENCE:

Fortunately we have been able to honour all our benevolent commitments, which we undertook to support during the past year. I thank all our Lodges for their contributions. Donations were made to the following :-

- Malvern Childrens Home (monies for purchasing of wrapping paper for Christmas gifts, which they in turn generated into a sum of R15.000) an additional grant was donated to them when they found themselves in dire straights due to non-payment of Government subsidies.

- Inter Constitutional Masonic Services Committee (contribution towards purchasing Christmas hampers for the indigent aged of Natal. The four Constitutions raised close to R120.000 for this project.

- Wesley Francis Memorial Education Fund, which assists with the education of children of Freemasons in Natal.

- The Lodges in the Division were also active in various forms of benevolence in their own areas, donating to charities and organisations, of their choice.

I thank you all for your support.

5. MASONIC EDUCATION:

The annual seminar was not held during the past year, but has been scheduled for September this year.

In spite of having been widely advertised in the Division the response to the Grand Lodge Masonic course has been disappointing for various reasons.

6. MEESTER, OPSIENERS, SEKRETARISSE EN PENNINGMEESTERS VERGADERING:

Hierdie vergadering het plaas gevind as 'n gedeelte van 'n naweek saamtrek te Charles Hoffe Park op die Suid-Kus. Die verrigtinge was 'n braai op die Vrydagaand, die vergadering Saterdag oggend, gevolg deur 'n Potjiekos kompetisie Saterdag middag en aand. My opregte dank aan ons Provinsiale Grootsekretaris wat dit gereël het, en aan al die Broeders vir die insette wat gelewer is en die positiewe houding wat by die vergadering en naweek geopenbaar is.

7. SISTER DIVISIONS:

During the past year it has been a pleasure and privilege to visit all the Divisions. The highlights being the Ceremonial Installation ceremonies of RT Wor. Bro. Jan Conradie as Provincial Grand Master of the Central Division, and RT Wor. Bro. John Smith as Provincial Grand Master of the Southern Division. Once again we congratulate them on their appointments and look forward to many years of mutual co-operation.

My sincere thanks to all the Provincial Grand Masters and Brethren for the hospitality afforded us on each visit, and my appreciation to all the Brethren of the Eastern Division who have supported me on these visits.

8. SISTER CONSTITUTIONS:

During the past year we have once again enjoyed the harmonious relationship that exist between all the Constitutions in the Eastern Division. We have been able to visit each other on many occasions and at many functions. I thank you for the splendid manner in which we are always received and the support you afford us by reciprocating in attending our functions. We are extremely honoured by your presence.

9. PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS:

I wish to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks to my Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who have supported and assisted my Assistant Provincial Grand Master and myself during the past year. Your dedication and hard work has done justice to the Division.

Today is a very special one, as we will see the obligation and investiture of Worshipful Brother Victor Muhlenbeck as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Worshipful Brother John Scheepers as Assistant Provincial Grand Master. These appointments place this Division on even keel with our Sister Divisions.

My humble thanks and appreciation to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for their support, recognition and approval of these appointments.

The talent, dedication and ability of these two Brethren are well known to you all. We congratulate them on their appointment and look forward to together serving our Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, with distinction and devotion.

10. LODGES:

We presently have seven Lodges in the Division. During the past year some have excelled, some have battled. I do feel this is not the forum to discuss their merits. They are all our Lodges. To those who have battled, do not be discouraged – it is our wish to encourage you and assist you in your endeavours during this coming year.

11. MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Division has remained on an even keel. What is most encouraging is to see Apprentices and Fellow Crafts sitting in our Lodges – and all young Brethren. In some of our Lodges this is having a snowball effect, causing them to have ceremonial workings for the rest of the Masonic new year. Most encouraging.

12. CONCLUSION:

What has been most noticeable is the hard work and commitment that has been forthcoming from many Brethren and their commitment have made a difference. Lodge Dromedaris had a great 50th year celebration. The Combined Working by all Lodges was a tremendous success. Lodges have been assisting each other with floor work at ceremonial workings; this all puts pleasure and enjoyment back into Lodge meetings.

To each and every member of this Division I thank you for your loyalty and support – you have made a difference.

To our Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, our prayers and thoughts are with you. We will strive to deliver only our best to Grand Lodge and support her in all her endeavours.

Our humble thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for his guidance throughout the past year.

Lastly to Patty my dear wife, for her support and love.

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C J C INGGS

Provincial Grand Master – Eastern Division



RT WOR BRO DR CLARENCE GAWN HAMILTON OSM

In his memoirs he describes himself as, "I am one speck of humanity in one speck of time. A speck of time that lasted almost one hundred years".

His father was John Coats Hamilton, an Irishman from Barranaghay, County Down. His mother was Laura Emily Boardman from Potchefstroom. Doc's father joined the South African Constabulary after the Anglo-Boer war and was stationed at Ventersdorp in the Transvaal. Here he met and courted Laura. They were married on the 9th October 1907. His father left the police and took up farming on the farm Vlakfontein near Ventersdorp.

Clarence Gawn Hamilton, (Doc as we all know him) was born on the 13th August 1908. His brother Halley was born on the 12th May 1910 when "Halley's Comet" was at its brightest. His sister Bertha was born on 23rd July 1912. They were followed by Doreen, Qwen, (who is still with us) and later Irene.

Life was hard in those days but they were all well cared for. Doc matriculated in Ventersdorp and attended Wits University, where he obtained his MB Bch degree. He did numerous locums and duty at hospitals gaining experience and in 1936 was appointed as Medical Officer in British Bechuanaland, now Botswana. Here he travelled throughout the country, holding district clinics before being stationed in Francistown. In 1940 he married Ann Boardman. In 1940 they left Botswana and Doc took up a post of Assistant District Surgeon in Rustenburg. In October 1940 he was seconded to the S. A. Medical Corps. The couple moved to Johannesburg and bought a house in Pandora Road, Malvern.

Doc's first post was Medical Officer to the First Witwatersrand Rifles with the rank of Lieutenant. Later he was transferred to the Piet Retief Hospital with the rank of Captain. He was then posted to the Natal Command.

In Feb 1940, he was told to embark as Senior Medical Officer on a ship bound for Egypt. In Egypt he worked in the wards of the 106SA General Hospital and was later transferred to the 18th Field Ambulance Corps at El Alamein. He later saw action in Tripoli and Italy.

In 1945 the Public Health Department requested his release from the army, as the war in Europe was at an end, and he was posted to Bloemfontein as District Surgeon. At the end of 1945, he left Bloemfontein to take up an appointment as Medical Officer for the Randfontein Estates Employees Sick Fund. He and Ann bought a stand in Constance Avenue, Home Lake and moved into their new home later that year.

In 1956 he resigned as Medical Officer of the Sick Fund and went into private practice. Sadly, in 1957, Ann passed away. In March 1958, Doc married Elizabeth Daphne Rayner (Betty). Joan was born in 1959, Colleen in August 1961 and Peter in February 1962.

At the age of 59, Doc and his family moved to the Natal South Coast in 1967 to their new home MANANA in Umtentweni.

This was the start of forty years of a wonderful life, during which time; they were able to travel all over South Africa and indeed the whole world. In September 1997, Doc and Betty moved in to No 13 Mbango Park, Mbango Valley, Port Shepstone.

Most of us here tonight learnt to know Doc as a Brother Freemason. I would now like to reflect on his Masonic career. Masonry was such a great part of his life. Here was a brother in his 100th year. Time or age meant nothing to him.

We remember him as one of the most respected and loved Brother in the Grand Lodge of South Africa. A mentor to many and a perfect example of what a Mason should strive to be. A wise man, a humble man, a perfect gentleman to all. Of impeccable integrity and a stickler for doing things correctly. I shall now read you a list of his Masonic achievements.

Throughout all of his Masonic life he had the full support of his beloved wife Betty.

C J C Inngs, PGM.



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE: EASTERN CAPE DIVISION. PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE: OOSTELIKE KAAP AFDELING



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JAARVERSLAG VAN DIE PROVINSIALE GROOTMEESTER - OOSKAAPAFDELING

15 November 2008

Most worshipful the Grand Master, right worshipful, very worshipful, worshipful brethren and brethren.

Dit is weereens vir ons 'n voorreg en 'n groot plesier om soveel besoekers van Grootloosie en ons suster afdelings by ons jaarvergadering welkom te heet, en te bedank vir hul ondersteuning. 'n Spesiale woord van verwelkoming aan ons nuwe Grootmeester in die ooskaap, ons vertrou dat die tyd saam met ons baie aangenaam sal wees. Baie geluk vir die toekoms.

GRAND LODGE: We pledge ourselves to be one of your divisions that will at all times be dedicated to the word unity. Unity is strength.

PROVINSIALE GROOTLOOSIE: Dit is met leedwese dat ons 'n groot steunpilaar in agb.Br.Piet Coetzee aan die hemelse Grootloosie moes afstaan. Gelukkig het ons in agb.Br.M.Whale 'n waardige plaasvervanger. Welcome Wor.Br.M.Whale as new Assistant Provincial Grand Master, I look forward to a happy and fruitful association. The support of the Provincial Grand Lodge officers at all installations was exceptional. The dedication to fulfill your duties are highly appreciated.

PROVINCIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE: The business meetings were well supported and the brethren participated great enthusiasm and openly raised their ideas and thoughts to improve the management of their division.

SEKRETARIAAT: Agb.Br.J.C.Greyling het weereens uitgeblink met die uitvoering en flinke afhandeling van die pligte as sekretaris. Ons bedank jou omdat jy ons administrasie so uitstekend beheer.

FINANCES: All financial obligations were met. We as division believe to pay our capitation fees to Grand Lodge during february. The division donated R2500-00 to the United Masonic Education Fund. The financial position of the province is sound and well managed.

CHARITY: All lodges held functions in aid of charity. Various charities benefitted, ie cancer associations in East London and Queenstown, home for mentally retarded children, huis Minet, Uitenhage, E.P. Childrens home Port Elizabeth and Aurora for special care Port Elizabeth.

LOSIES: Alle losies funksioneer goed. Die rituale werk varieer van uitstekend tot middelmatig, maar die samewerking tussen die broeders en hulle entoesiasme sal in die toekoms alle tekortkominge oorbrug.

MEMBERSHIP: A positive growth is still maintained. Welcome to adjoining members and new master masons. I am sure that you all will have a happy informative and fruitful masonic career. You are the future and stability of our Grand Lodge.

SUSTER AFDELINGS: Ek was bevoorreg om die jaarvergaderings van al die suster afdelings by te woon. 'n Spesiale woord van gelukwensing aan s/vbr. C.Inggs, provinsiale grootmeester van die oostelike afdeling met sy uitsonderlike prestasie om 'n nuwe losie First United die lig te laat sien. Ek hoop en vertrou jou vasberandenheid en deursettingsvermoë sal almal aanspoor om jou voorbeeld te volg om ons Grootlosie uit te brei

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS: I must report that a good relationship with the other constitutions exist.

TEN SLOTTE: Ons as Provinsiale Grootlosie ooskaap afdeling onderwerp onself almal sonder voorbehoud om onself te ken en om broederliefde te bevorder in woord en gedagte tot die bevordering van vrymesselary.

My innige dank aan die Groot Argitek van die Heelal vir sy menigvuldige seëninge wat hy oor ons uitgesprei het. Baie dankie aan almal hier teenwoordig en mag julle 'n baie voorspoedige kersfees en nuwe jaar te gemoed gaan en ook veilig na julle geliefdes terugkeer.

Laaste maar nie die minste my dankbaarheid teenoor my vrou, Thea vir haar ondersteuning ten alle tye.

S/v br. J.C. Greyling. SMIB / MDSW
Provinsiale grootmeester



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

1. OPENING: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent, and Excellent Companions and Companions. May I welcome one and all to this Annual Convocation, the second I have had the pleasure of hosting. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. To our New Grand Master, welcome to our family. I trust you will always feel comfortable when attending our meetings. May the relationship built up between the Craft and Royal Arch continue to flourish. I am pleased to report to you all that the Royal Arch remains healthy – in better condition than last year and not as good as I expect to find it next year. Our Divisions and Supreme Grand Chapter remain in the hands of experienced, dedicated Companions who have the well-being of the Royal Arch close to their hearts. With men of this calibre at the helm, we cannot but only feel confident for the future.

2. MEMBERSHIP: Membership of both Divisions continues to show a positive growth pattern. At its Annual Convocation, held in August, the Southern Division reported a small but most satisfactory increase of thirteen members. Earlier, we also heard the Northern Division report a slight membership increase with new members only just keeping abreast with deaths and resignations. The Mariners and Cryptic degrees reported a small but significant growth figure of eight new members in the South but these self-same degrees continue to

struggle in the Northern Division. I trust that their planned relocation to Pretoria will yield positive results.

3. SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS: The sad demise of M Ex Comp Adrian Alexander has left a huge vacuum in the Royal Arch. He was a Companion of vast knowledge and stature and will be sadly missed by the Supreme Grand Chapter. The sudden resignation of our Grand Master, M Wor. Bro. John Bowen, due to ill health, was also a body blow to Supreme Grand Chapter. He was indeed, a friend of Royal Arch Masonry and will also be sorely missed. He, of course, now reverts to the rank of Past First Grand Principal and he will be most welcome to join us when his health permits. By the same token, we welcome our new Grand Master who, according to the Constitution, is our titular head. We trust that the cordial relationship between the Craft and the Royal Arch will continue.

Once more we are hamstrung as regards the selection of Supreme Grand Chapter Officers. We bid farewell to Exc. Comp J. Olivier and welcome in his place, as Master of Ceremonies, a rejuvenated Exc. Comp Bernard Neuhaus. Other than to welcome Exc. Comp Piet Henning, to our ranks, our numbers remain static. This of course is not reflected in our Supreme Grand Chapter delegations when visiting Chapters for the support of our Past Supreme Chapter Officers has been magnificent and has done me proud.

Veranderings, wat verlede jaar, aan die Konstitusie aangebring is om die Amp van Assistent Groot Superintendent te skep, is gretig deur die Groot Superintendente benut. Metgeselle Andy Stevens en Johan Greyling is in die Noordelike en Suidelike Afdelings onderskeidelik aangestel en beëdig. Die amp is doelbewus geskep om die Groot Superintendente te help met die administrasie en funksioneering van hul groot Afdelings. Ek is baie tevrede met die gehalte van die Metgeselle wat aangestel is, en ek is seker dat hul individuele Afdelings die vrugte van hul bydrae sal geniet.

4. CHAPTERS: With the absence of regular reports from some of our Divisions, I am left to digest the agendas sent to me by our Chapters. The failure to receive the annual reports of our Chapters does put a severe strain on my Office and makes it difficult to ascertain the progress of some of our Chapters. What is significant however is the remarkable recovery and progress shown by Chapter Dromedaris. From a Chapter close to handing in its Charter it has grown significantly. I must congratulate the Companions of Kwazulu- Natal and the Grand Superintendent of the Northern Division and his Officers for this remarkable turnabout. This Masonic year it was my pleasure to visit Chapters Orange and Horeb in the Northern Division and Chapter Mutual in the South on the occasion of their Installations as well as the Installation Convocation of the Royal Ark Mariners in the Southern Division. I am pleased to report that the Chapters visited were most cordial in their welcome and I was impressed with the Ceremonies that took place.

Requests by Companions in the Southern Division for the creation of a Grand High Priest degree have been satisfied by the creation of this degree but under the aegis of the English Constitution.

I must admit that I am intrigued with the concept of distance displayed in our Divisions. At both of my Northern Division visits, there were Companions who had travelled hundreds of Kilometres to be present and considered nothing of it. In the South however, a forty kilometre journey to Paarl is sometimes considered too far. Such is the different mindsets. Sadly I am receiving no agendas or news from a number of our Chapters. I am assured by Most. Exc. Comps Brits and Sumner that all is progressing satisfactorily but I should not be receiving second hand accounts. Rather I should be up-to-date on the state of the Royal Arch in both Divisions.

5. PUBLICATIONS: The Royal Arch information pamphlet has been printed and has now been distributed to all Divisions. In the Southern Division, by special dispensation given by the Provincial Grand Master, this pamphlet is now included in all the documentation handed to the newly raised Brethren in the Craft. The Northern Division, however, appears to be more in favour of handing over a letter, signed, by the Provincial Grand Master, to the Brother concerned encouraging him to join the Royal Arch. What is important, however, is that our new Master Masons are being exposed to the Royal Arch.

We now have compiled and received comment from the Chapters regarding a new Workbook and Handbook for the MEZ. The former is to assist the MEZ to plan his two years in office and that he has a record of his progress during that period.

A request which was made that fund-raising should not be made compulsory has been acceded to by inserting the phrase "Fundraising is optional but recommended". I was reluctant to do this for the simple reason that fundraising in the member's Craft Lodge should not preclude him from fundraising in the Royal Arch. Is not your Royal Arch Chapter's financial well-being as important as that of your Craft Lodge? If we are to continue denigrating Royal Arch to second place we will never find our true place in Freemasonry. Be proud of your Chapter and willing to work for its well-being Our second publication is the MEZ,s Handbook. This is mostly the work of Most. Exc. Comp Johan Britz and is a concise description of the functions which a MEZ will be required to carry out during his years in office and describes how he should approach them.

I must express my sincere thanks to Most Exc. Comp Brits for his work in compiling this book. Both books are currently only available in English and will be translated in due course.

6. BESTUURSKOMITEE: Die Bestuurs Komitee het twee keer die jaar vergader. Eers in Maartmaand in Kaapstad en dan in Pretoria in September. Alle vergaderings is goed bygewoon deur die lede. Hoë reiskostes maak dit byna ontmoontlik vir

lede wat veraf woon om al die vergaderings by te woon. Dit verstaan ons heeltemaal. Dit gese, is goeie vorderinggedurende die jaar gemaak. Dit is 'n plesier om die entoesiasme van die lede te aanskou en hul bydra is waardevol. Hierdie Komitee is die lewensbloed van die Koninklike Gewelf en die besluite wat geneem is, is van uiterste belang vir elke Metgesel. Die resultaat van die Komitee se harde werk is duidelik sigbaar.

7. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE: It would be extremely difficult for me, as First Grand Principal, to try and determine the value of a good Administrative team. The fact that both the administrative and financial control of the Supreme Grand Chapter is in the hands of a single Companion, namely Most. Exc. Comp. Andy van Niekerk, makes it even more gratifying. He is very precise in what he requires of the Divisions and he ensures that protocol and the Constitution are strictly adhered to. Without having someone with his experience and ability, my office would find it extremely difficult to function in the efficient manner it does. My sincere thanks must therefore be directed to him for a year of Administrative and Financial stability. Once more, his Financial report will reflect a year of prudent spending and financial growth.

8. SISTER CONSTITUTIONS: Even though the Southern Division does not have the custom of inviting Sister Constitutions to their Annual meetings their relationship with our Sister Constitutions remains solid. This is mainly due to their Grand Superintendent, Most. Exc. Comp Sumner, who is a glutton when it comes to visiting. He is the catalyst which ensures that a cordial relationship continues with his counterparts in our Sister Constitutions. In the North, the

approach is very different. From the time of their Annual meetings, where all Sister Constitutions are present, the continued fraternal invitations to visit each other, makes for a integrated family of Royal Arch Masonry which is a pleasure to behold.

Sadly, I must report that, even though we are represented in many Constitutions overseas, contact remains tenuous. I cannot however, put the blame at our door alone for it is a shame when your Overseas counterpart does not respond when you endeavour to contact him. We must however continue to foster cordial relations. Companions let it not be said that we neglected our duties as foreign representatives.

9. CONCLUSION: In the past year I feel I have achieved another milestone in my threefold set of goals, which I set for myself at my Installation. Firstly, Royal Arch is growing in membership with an influx of new members. Secondly, I think that with the newly introduced workbook and handbook and the Royal Arch pamphlet we have reached a point where the Royal Arch can formalise the functions of the Most Excellent Zerubabel. Properly utilised these documents can only be of benefit to the Royal Arch. I am grateful to Most. Exc. Comp Neville Klein my Deputy, my Principals and Grand Superintendents for what they have achieved in the past year and I look forward to their continued support in the forthcoming twelve months.

Alf Rhoodie
First Grand Principal



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2008/2009

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Grand Superintendent / Groot superintendent (ND/NA)	M.Ex.Comp / S.Verh.Metg J.J. Britz
Grand Superintendent / Groot superintendent (SD/SA)	M.Ex.Comp / S.Verh.Metg G. Sumner
Grand Scribe E & Treasurer / Groot Skriba E & Penningmeester	M.Ex.Comp / S.Verh.Metg A.van Niekerk OSM
Grand Scribe Nehemiah / Groot Skriba Nehemia	M.Ex.Comp / S.Verh.Metg J. Grobbelaar
Grand Master Of Ceremonies / Groot Seremoniemeester	M.Ex.Comp / S.Verh.Metg B.L.Neuhaus
Grand Master of Ceremonies / Groot Seremoniemeester	M.Ex.Comp / S.Verh.Metg A.Archer
Grand Principal Sojourner / Groot Hoof Besoeker	Ex.Comp / Verh.Metg. H.Wethmar
Grand Second Sojourner / Groot Tweede Besoeker	Ex.Comp / Verh.Metg R.Wentzel
Grand Third Sojourner / Groot Derde Besoeker	Ex.Comp / Verh.Metg P.J.Henning

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (MSA) VERDIENSTELIKE DIENSTOEKENNING (TVD)

Name of Recipient / Naam van Ontvanger	Rank / Rang
J.J. Kroukamp	1985 Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinspaal
B.R. Menego	1986 Past Dep. Grand First Grand Principal / Oud-Adj. Eerste Grootprinspaal
M. Levin	1988 Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinspaal
A. van Niekerk	1988 Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinspaal
S.R. Gasson	1989 Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinspaal
H.P.J.J. Smit	1994 Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinspaal
J.P. Naudé	2006 Past First Grand Principal / Oud Eerste Grootprinspaal

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS PRESENT AND PAST GROOTSUPERINTENDENTE AKTIEF EN OUD

Southern Division / Suidelike Afdeling	Northern Division / Noordelike Afdeling	Central Division / Sentrale Afdeling
† Bell EA	† Brink D.G.	Alexander A.A.R.
† Franken P	Britz J.J.	Dreyer J.H.
† Lewis N (Dr.) MSA/TVD	* Burnard F.W.	Janse van Rensburg P.L.
* Loat J.A	Cronje J.P.	Watkinson P.L.
Low A.	Esterhuizen W.J.	
Prentzler W.F	† Gould L.	
Rhodie A.G.A	Harris R.	
Sumner G.H.	Menego B.R. MSA/TVD	
Van Zyl A.J.J.	Naude P.J.	
Wapnick A.L.	* Rossouw F.P.	
	Smit H.P.J.J.	
	* Wilkens J.J.M.	

† Deceased / Oorlede

* Resigned / Bedank

PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS OUD GROOT KAPITTEL AMPSDRAERS

Past Grand Masters / Oud Grootmeesters

†Conradie	E	
Gasson	S.R.	OSM/ODV-MSA/TVD
Groenewald	C.B.	OSM/ODV
Bauser	S.R.	OSM/ODV
Lindeque	B.G.	OSM/ODV
Bowen	J.J.	OSM/ODV

Past First Grand Principals / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipale

†Conradie	E	
Gasson	SR	MSA/TVD
Kroukamp	J.J.	MSA/TVD
Levin	M.	OSM/ODV-MSA/TVD
Smit	HPJJ	MSA/TVD
Rudram	N.	
Alexander	AAR	OSM/ODV
Naudé	PJ	MSA/TVD

Past Pro First Grand Principals / Oud Pro Eerste Grootprinsipale

†Daleboudt	HM	
†Strauss	JJ	
†Geisler	RA	

Past Dep First Grand Principals / Oud Adj Eerste Grootprinsipale

Brits	PRJM	
*Wilkens	JJM	
†Franken	P	
†Geisler	RA	

Past Second Grand Principals / Oud Tweede Grootprinsipale

Louis	SL	
Pistorius	FWT	
Prentzler	WF	

Past Third Grand Principal / Oud Derde Grootprinsipale

Low	A	
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Past Grand Scribes E / Oud Grootkribas E

Ackerman	GF	
Brecher	B	
Kaester	S.P	MSA/TVD
Nieuwenhuizen	FFG	

Past Grand Scribe N / Oud Grootkriba N

van Wyk	M	
Ackermann	GF	
Whittacker	JW	

Past Grand Master Of Ceremonies / Oud Grootseremoniemeesters

Mould	R	
van der Merwe	P	
Myburgh	PWA	
Bowen	JT	OSM/ODV
†Loxton	RT	

Past Grand Principal Sojourner / Oud Groothoofbesoeker

Boshoff	FD	
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Past Grand Janitors / Oud Groot Deurwagters

Kommel	B	
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Past Grand Stewards / Oud Groothofmeesters

Gruss	B	(Holland, Belgium/Belgie)
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HONORARY GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ERE-GROOTKAPITTEL AMPSDRAERS

Honorary Deputy Grand First Principals / Ere-Adjunk- Groot Eersteprinsipale

Blazer	M	
Fincher	D.B.	(Ireland / Ierland)
Andrew	C.M.	

Honorary Grand Master of Ceremonies / Ere- Grootseremoniemeesters

Gillan	A.R.	
Peloso	J.A.	
Kantor	W.	(Israel)

PAST GRAND CHAPTER RANKS CONFERRED OUD GROOTKAPITTEL RANGE TOEGEKEN

Past First Grand Principals / Oud Eerste Grootprinsipale

Salem	JEA	
Van Niekerk	A	OSM/ODV-MSA/TVD

Past Deputy First Grand Principal Oud Assistent Eerste Grootprinsipale

Menego	BR	MSA/ODV
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Past Assistant First Grand Principals Oud Assistent Eerste Grootprinsipale

Fouche	PS	
†Kaestner	SP	MSA/TVD

Past Second Grand Principals / Oud Tweede Grootprinsipale

Staal	FB	
Watkinson	P	

Past Third Grand Principals / Oud Derde Grootprinsipale

Clemens	Jl	
Crous	RH	
Feigel	FT	
Greeff	PA	
Hancke	LeR	OSM/ODV
Hayward	ER	
Kukkuk	JW	
Marais	FJ	
Papavarnavas	PS	
Wellish	W	
van Zyl	AJ	

Past Grand Scribe N / Oud Groot Skriba N

Blitz	J	
Spalding	DH	

Past Grand Master of Ceremonies Oud Grootseremoniemeesters

Mitchell	SI	
Neuhaus	BL	

Past Assistant Grand Master of Ceremonies Oud Assistent Grootseremoniemeesters

Ziervogel	CF	
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Past Principal Grand Sojourners / Oud Groot Hoofbesoekers

Archer	HW	
van Niekerk	C	

Past Second Grand Principals / Oud Tweede Grootbesoekers

Bronner	EA	
Hollevoet	PFM	

Past Third Grand Sojourners / Oud Derde Grootbesoekers

Correia	A.M	
Edwards	G.R.	
Opperman	D.	
Stevens	A.J.	
Lotter	M	

Past Grand Organist / Oud Grootorellis.

Hollevoet	P.F.M.	
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Past Grand Stewards / Oud Groothofmeesters

Casson	G	
Gush	M.R.	

REPRESENTATIVES SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS VERTEENWOORDIGERS SUSTER GROOT KAPITTELS

Grand Chapter.	Representative here.	Representative there.
Groot Kapittel.	Verteenwoordiger hier.	Verteenwoordiger daar.
Belguim	R.H.Crouse	J.Corbett
Canada	B.L. Neuhaus	L. Levitt
England	P.J. Naude	Grand Scribe E
France	W.F. Prentzler	S. Humbert
Germany	A van Niekerk	E. Petersen
Greece	J.P. Cronje	J. Tsamis
India		D.D. Udeshi
Ireland	N. Klein	Ian W.G. Rudd
Israel	M. Levin	J.Salem
Mexico	G.S. Karstens	Oscar J. Salinas
Monitoba	C. van Niekerk	L. Barklay
Netherlands	P.J. Naude	D. van Bentveld
Nova Scotia	A.G.A. Rhoodie	L Mc Niven
Scotland	A.J. van Zyl	John A. Fraser
South Australia	J.J.Britz	G.M. Hand
State of New York	G.S. Sumner	M.L. Adler
New South Wales	A.Low	J.S. Williams
Victoria	P.L. Janse van Rensburg	N.J. Best

THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL CHAPTER OF SOUTH AFRICA : CHAPTER MEETING & INSTALLATION DATES, 2007/2008

CHAPTER	NO	Founded	Location	Division	Meeting when	Meeting on	No	Installation	Special Date	M.E.Z.	Contact	Tel
Mutual	1	1953	Cape town	Southern	Feb, Aug, Nov	Wednesday	Last	May		J. Vivian	W.F. Prentzler	072-6130541
Bellville	2	1953	Bellville	Southern	Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Dec	Thursday	2nd	October		W. Godbeer	H. Archer	021-5311539
Unie	3	1958	Odendaalsrus	Northern	Apr, Jul, Oct	Monday	1st	January	3rd Sat	P. van Rooyen	P.J.T. Henning	057-3981165
Drommedaris	4	1970	Durban	Northern	Mar, Jun, Nov	Wednesday	2nd	September	1st Sat	R.W. Schreuder	A.J. Pembroke	031-2092546
Johannes Truter	5	1970	Paarl	Southern	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec	Thursday	1st	August		W. Prentzler	J.L. Snyman	021-8731365
Koh-I-Nor	7	1970	Pretoria	Northern	Jan, Apr, Jul	Thursday	3rd	October		B.L. Neuhaus	A.J. Stevens	082-49406137
Fiat Lux	8	1971	Port Elizabeth	Southern	Fe, May, Aug, Nov	Monday	4th	April	3rd Sat	H. van Der Linden	P. Schwandt	041-3673355
De Broederband	10	1971	Pretoria	Northern	May, Aug, Nov	Wednesday	2nd	February		E. Joubert	C. van Niekerk	083-4536412
Royal Protea	11	1972	East London	Southern	Feb, May, Aug	Wednesday	3rd	April	3rd Fri	M.R. Hiles	V. Tabanelli	084-8118909
Orange	12	1972	Rustenburg	Northern	Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov	Wednesday	4th	May		H. Oosthuizen	T.A. du Toit	084-5127505
Horeb	13	1972	Krugersdorp	Northern	Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Nov	Tuesday	3rd	September		H. Kotze	E. van As	082-0666282
Witbank	14	1973	Kinross	Northern	May, Months 5x Tuesdays	Tuesday	3rd	October	1st Sat	D.J. Nieuwoudt	J.P. Cronje	017-6324398
Fidelity	15	1973	Orange Grove	Northern	Feb, Apr, Jun, Nov	Tuesday	2nd	August		L. Williams	J.O. Mac Pherson	011-3712829
De Goede Kaap	16	1973	Cape Town	Southern	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Nov	Wednesday	3rd	September		J. Haasbroek	A. Archer	021-5311539
Suiderlig	18	1975	Bellville	Southern	Feb, Apr, Jul, Sep	Thursday	4th	November		N. Millen	J. Grobbelaar	072-9271318
Unity	22	1985	Koffiefontein	Northern	Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Saturday	2nd	July	3rd Sat	T. Pieterse	F.J. Botha	053-5740357
Bellville Cryptic Council	2	1988	Bellville	Southern	Jan, May, Jul	Thursday	5th	October	5th Thurs	A. Singh	H. Archer	021-5311539
Eendrag Maak Mag Lodge & Council	6	1988	Orange Grove	Northern	Jul, Sep, Nov	Tuesday	5th			D.J. Nieuwoudt	A.J. Stevens	082-4940613
Eendrag Maak Mag Cryptic Council	6	1988	Orange Grove	Northern	Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Tuesday	5th			P.J. Brits	D.J. Nieuwoudt	082-558275
De Goede Kaap Lodge & Council	16	1988	Bellville	Southern		Thursday	5th	March		W. Godbeer	W.F. Prentzler	072-6130541

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT (S.D) 2008.

Right Worshipful Acting Grand Master, Most Excellent First Grand Principal, Most Excellent, Excellent Companions and Companions all.

This year did not start well after our A.G. Convocation in the morning. A Supreme Grand Chapter Convocation took place in the afternoon, on the Agenda was a Motion for the wearing of "Chains" by the Second and Third Provincial Principals, this was however defeated which led to a lot of dissatisfaction, even to the point of Companions wanting to resign, indeed I even had the same sentiments, however I endeavoured to keep calm and rally the Companions so we may fight another day.

I also lost the services of my Third Principal a very dedicated Freemason and Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, who out of the blue resigned from all Freemasonry, a great shock to all. However, Most Excellent Companion Tony Low a Past Grand Superintendent agreed to step in to help out (Thank you Tony).

Another keen Companion Deon Smit has also resigned from all orders except the Craft due to Business pressures. Another sad loss was Ex. Companion Carl Ziervogel who was called to higher service in February, Carl was Treasurer of this Division for a number of years. Another hiccup at the beginning of the year was the transition of the new Treasurer, this was due to Computer Programs ect ect, which being Computer Illiterate myself I do not understand, things have since been solved.

CHAPTERS:

With such a bad start, now the good news, all the Chapters are performing well, this year we have had sixteen new Candidates, two resignations and one death, this has been a good year, and I am very proud of the progress of this Division, keep up the good work, but above all please retain them, they are our future. The standard of work is good, but we rely too much on the older Companions, the younger Companions must start to learn portions of the Ritual as the older Companions are not going to be around for ever.

EASTERN CAPE:

This is the First year that I can remember when we have not travelled up to Port Elizabeth and East London, neither had an Installation due to the two year rule. I will be later this morning appointing an Assistant Grand Superintendent who resides in Port Elizabeth, this will help me to have eyes and ears in the Eastern Cape, thus a Chain Bearer to represent the Southern Division at important Royal Arch events at Sister Constitutions in the Eastern Cape.



MARINERS AND CRYPTIC:

Both Lodge and Council are again the star performers, the Mariners had five new members and the Cryptic three with Candidate in the "Pipeline", sadly one resignation.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS:

Once again I am happy to report that our relationship is excellent, I have attended sixteen Installations (Royal Arch, Mark Mariners and Cryptic) those I could not attend I sent a Representative too. On the 3rd of May I attended the Installation of the new Grand Superintendent for the Scottish Constitution.

FINANCE:

As mentioned earlier the transition was not easy, since then the old Treasurer Most Excellent Companion Andy Van Niekerk has come to the rescue, thank you Andy. I can also report that all Chapters dues are completely up to date and that the Financial position is good.

GENERAL:

Once again I have to thank my hard working Scribe Ezra for his hard work and support and I also thank my Master of Ceremonies who has done an excellent job in his first year, also the Companions who are bringing in new Candidates.

So mote it be.

*Grand Superintendent,
Most Excellent Companion,
G. Sumner.*



VALIDICTORY REPORT OF THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT NORTHERN DIVISION

27th September 2008

INTRODUCTION: Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Excellent the First Grand Principal, Most Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions, Companions.

Most Worshipful Brother A Watson, this is your first official visit in your capacity as Grand Master and I want to thank you for being here today at the annual general convocation of the Northern Division.

I must thank our past Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro John Bowen for his support and wisdom throughout the years.

Our First Grand Principal Most Excellent Companion Alf Rhoodie does not need introducing, always humble and willing to give advise. Most Excellent thank you for your friendship and Brotherly love towards this division, and Royal Arch in general.

Several Companions had passed to the Grand Lodge Above, there names will be read by M E Companion Pieter Myburg, I do ask all to rise and turn to the East with the sign of Fidelity in remembrance to our beloved Companions.

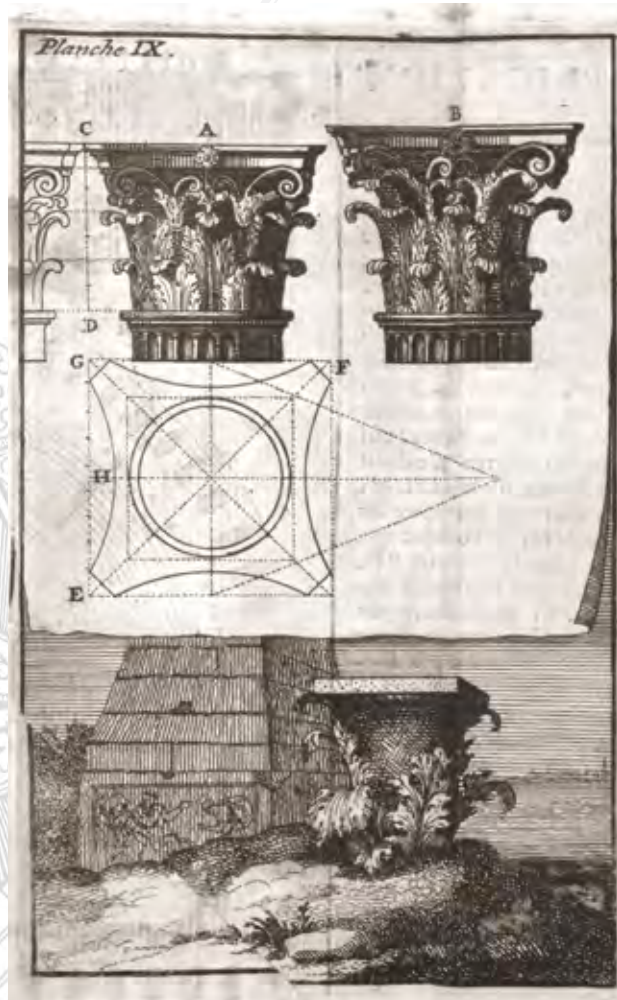
To all delegates from our Sister Constitution – I do hope and trust that you will enjoy the day with us and thank you for the hospitality at your convocations, thank you for the Brotherly love towards our Provincial Grand Chapter but to me in general.

I have being honoured to attend the dinner of the Scottish Knights Templers MUSTER in the capacity as Grand Superintendent. Right Eminent Frater Darrel Phillips thank you for this and I do hope and trust that our engagement between Royal Arch and the Templers will last for many years. Thank you for your friendship throughout the last 20 years.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ACTIVITIES: The Provincial Grand Chapter officers had travelled with me the length and the breath of the Country to do visits and Installations and I must thank them for the love and support.

I will fail my duty not to thank Excellent Companion Alf Bronner, Most Excellent Companion Peter Watkinson and Vic Kumm for their dedication and support in travelling long distances to meetings.

After the death of Excellent Companion Tony Correia I had used Most Excellent Companion Pieter Myburg as Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies. Most Ex Companion Myburg did a sterling job but I felt it fit to appoint Excellent Companion Tom du Toit as Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies. Excellent Companion du Toit did his first working in this position at Chapter Orange, his mother Chapter, and surely



impressed everybody, thank you Tom for this and I am sure that this Province will get the best from you.

Met elke bevestiging wat gehou was gedurende die jaar was lede van Grootkapittel teenwoordig en word dit opreg waardeer om waardige Metgeselle te ontvang.

Na konsultasie met die Eerste Groot Prinsipaal het ek Verhewe Metgesel Andy Stevens as Assistent Groot Superintendent vir hierdie Provinsie aangestel. Vandag se verrigtinge is alles deur hom e koördineer en ek wil hom bedank vir sy volharding in dit wat vir hom op gelê word. Andy jy maak my werk soveel makliker.

CHAPTERS, RAM & CRIPTIC: Deaths, resignations and relocation of Companions are all part and partial of our daily lives.

Die groei in Koninklike Gewelf vanaf einde Desember 2007 tot op datum is omtrent 15% wat n positiewe teken is en dat almal

'n gemeenskaplike doel het.

Our Chapters are growing and active with floor workings. The Chapters in the "Platteland" are growing slowly but surely due to Craft Lodges getting new members and members from our Sister Constitution joining a Royal Arch Chapter.

Annexure A is an extract of the membership per Chapter up to the 31 December 2007.

Kapittel Horeb het weereens hulle belofte tot stand gehou en verskeie liefdadigheidswerke verrig, nl ete vir Witpoortjie Senior Park, klere donasies, elektriese stoof geskenk en lekker goed pakkies vir die kleintjies.

Koninklike Gewelf is afhanklik van die vakloosie en hier moet ek die Provinsiale Grootmeesters, Seer Verligte Br D Duncan, Seer Verligte Br C Inggs en Seer Verligte Br J Conradie bedank vir hulle positiewe bydrae tot Koninklike Gewelf.

The RAM & Cryptic Council had re located to Pretoria due to lack of growth and support by the Companions in Orange Grove. I do urge the Companions of Royal Arch to join this lovely degree.

SEKRETARIAAT EN FINANSIES: Die Skriba Esra van die Noordelike Afdeling, Verhewe Metgesel Con v Niekerk spandeer ure om die sekretariaat te behartig en ek moet hom bedank vir sy bereidwilligheid en deursettings vermoë.

Excellent Companion v Niekerk is doing the finances as well and always keeps us on the narrow edge to ensure that the finances are sound and ensures that we do get the best interest rates.

For the last 3 years this division did not increase the yearly capitation fees because we believe that charity starts at home and we are plowing back to our members and Chapters.

Donasies sal vandag gedoen word aan die Opperste Groot Kapittel asook aan T I M C. Die Metgeselle van hierdie Divisie het dit met liefde ingesamel en daarom gee ons dit vandag met liefde aan die betrokke partye.

Verhewe metgesel Con v Niekerk is op n baie hoë ouderdom in sy lewe maar steeds bereid om hard en met volheid vir ons geliefde orde te werk. Con baie dankie hiervoor en dankie dat ons gereeld by jou huis vergaderings kon hou om besluite te kon maak vir die voortbestaan van hierdie Afdeling.

GENERAL: To all Companions that will be obligated and invested for the first time in our Provincial Grand Chapter – welcome and I do hope and trust that you will enjoy our Companionship.

An installation schedule was circulated prior to this meeting and from the schedule one can see that we are going to have a busy year, please support, your presence will make a difference. Try to travel with other Companions to make the financial burden lighter and fewer vehicles on the road. *Your safety is our concern.*

Hierdie is u Provinsiale Groot Kapittel, u bydrae kan 'n verskil maak, ondersteun die Kapittels en indien dit vir u beskore is verklaar u bereidwilligheid aan die Groot Superintendent om deel van die Provinsiale span uit te maak sodat u saam met ons kan arbeid.

Die ruggraat van Vrymesselary is nie ons wat vandag hier vergader nie maar dit is hulle wat buite die temple besig is om te verseker dat ons wel iets te ete kry en ook dat ons ons vergaderings op n gereelde basis kan bywoon. Ek wil graag die dames bedank vir dit wat hulle vir ons geliefde orde doen, sonder julle sal ons manne nie gedoen kry wat ons beoog om te doen. Met julle unieke teenwoordigheid en siening gee dit vir ons soveel meer deursettings vermoë en volharding.

Aan my goeie dame Annemarie Baie Baie dankie dat jy my ondersteun in dit waaraan ek glo. Dankie vir die sonstraal in die Noordelike Afdeling. Die rykste man is arm as hy nie 'n goeie vrou het wat help om sy drome in te kleur nie.

CONCLUSION: The Sky is the limit. Let us all jump and try to catch a star. We will not be all successful but some of us will be rewarded.

Those Companions who are in a subordinate position must get the same respect than those who are entrusted with Supreme Authority. Never forget your roots.

My visie van die begin van my ampstermyn was om harmonie en respek in die Kapittels te bring; lede sal vanself kom en die Metgeselle sal vergaderings gereeld bywoon. Die skrif is teen die muur dat dit wel besig is om te gebeur. Deur saam te werk word daar baie meer vermag as wat daar elkeen sy eie rigting wil inslaan.

We cannot afford a decrease in membership because knowledge cannot be replaced with a magic wand. We are all responsible for the growth in Royal Arch. Freemasonry is the oldest institution and had stood the test of ages, and will continue surviving.

Die foute wat gemaak is, sal reggestel word.

Our main goal this year is to increase and advance our RAM + Cryptic Council and I know that with my next quarterly report there will be changes.

May the T A L G M H bless and prosper all our members throughout South Africa.

SO MOTE IT BE

Johan Britz
Grand Superintendent
Northern Division
20 Sept 2008





SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SOUTH AFRICA



Most Puissant Mauro Milanesi 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

We are once again very pleased to respond to the invitation extended by the Grand Lodge to contribute to the year book, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to add our small part to this publication in which the masonic activities in South Africa during 2008 are recorded.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS

The major events affecting the Supreme Council are summarized below.

The past year has been a most satisfying and rewarding time; but sadly it has also been a year in which a number of our Brethren have journeyed to the Supreme Council above to engage in higher service.

Most notable of these Brethren was MP.Bro.Mauro Milanesi, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, who was called to higher service on 20.12.08. He was diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year, and sadly it proved to be terminal. We shall miss his wise counsel and his contribution, not only to the Supreme Council, but to freemasonry in general.

Following the resignation of M.P.Bro. Milanesi as a result of his deteriorating health, M.Ill.Bro B.G. Lindeque was elected as Sovereign Grand Commander at a meeting of the Executive and Active members of the Supreme Council held in Cape Town on 29.03.08.

A new executive team was appointed and sincere thanks are due to those Brethren who continue to dedicate so much of their time and effort to the affairs of the Supreme Council.

GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The annual General Meeting and Conference was held from 11.04.08 to 13.04.08, once again at the Forever Resort, Gariep Dam and very well attended as in past years. The theme of the Conference was "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in South Africa". Apart from the necessary business conducted at the General Meeting and Conference, the entire weekend proved to be a marvellous time during which we all got to know each other a little better in a relaxed, social environment.

INTERNATIONAL

In June 2008, the Sovereign Grand Commander attended the Conference of English Speaking Supreme Councils of Europe and Associated Countries held in Helsinki, Finland and also attended the formation of the Supreme Council for Estonia.

These events were well supported by the Supreme Councils of Europe and your Supreme Council was well received and made to feel very welcome.

This is particularly noteworthy as until recently, Finland was one of the few Jurisdictions that still do not recognize South Africa.



ADMINISTRATION

During the year the administration of your Supreme Council was conducted by the Administration Committee and thanks are due to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Chancellor for their unstinting commitment and hard work. Also, special thanks are due to the Executive Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and their Chancellors for all their efforts in their regions and their support of Supreme Council.

VISITS

Visits were made by the Sovereign Grand Commander to Chapters Prosperitas, Eendrach Maak Mag, La Esperance, and St. Jan. In addition, Consistories Pretoria and Eendracht Maakt Mag were visited; but a heavy Masonic workload and other commitments reduced the time available to attend more meetings. Hopefully, this is a situation which will be rectified during 2009.

THE FOURTH DEGREE

The recent introduction of the 4th degree as the entry point to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has achieved the desired result in providing a meaningful and relevant “bridge” between the symbolic degrees of Craft masonry and the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

MEMBERSHIP

It can be reported that 2008 has been a very satisfactory year with regards to membership, once again attracting a pleasing number of new members and, most Chapters and Consistories are holding meetings on a regular basis to advance candidates. The number of new members joining the Order is a clear

indication that existing members are finding their involvement in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for South Africa, a satisfying and rewarding experience and thereby influencing other masons to join when invited to do so.

Also pleasing to report is that, flowing from our growth in numbers, the financial position of the Supreme Council continues to improve and has now reached a most satisfactory state. Brethren are meeting their financial obligations in this regard which augers well for the future.

GRAND LODGE

Most Worshipful Bro. John T Bowen, O.S.M., the then Grand Master, resigned from office as a result of serious health problems and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro Armiston Watson, was elected in his place. The installation of the Grand Master was held in Durban on 20th September, 2008 and was very well supported.

An excellent relationship exists between the Supreme Council and Grand Lodge, and as in the past, the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Grand Master meet frequently to share ideas and discuss a wide range of issues relevant to Freemasonry in South Africa. We are mutually dependent and the importance of maintaining this close working relationship to foster that interdependence is vital to ensure growth and stability.

We look forward to continuing this cordial and important association.

Ben G. Lindeque
Sovereign Grand Commander.
(26.02.09)





GENERAL

"OLD" A short paper on the topic, written by W. Bro. Heimo Schaum (P.A.P.G.M.)

OLD, a word that has made its appearance in our order frequently in recent times. Unfortunately mostly in a negative connotation.

When the G.A created humankind he did not differentiate good and bad people, we were all considered equal. It was only later that humans decided to distinguish between good and bad or evil. Similarly we learned about new and old or young and old. Where and when does one become old? Old used in a



positive way has a complete different meaning then when used in a negative sense.

Our Order is certainly not a young Order since it dates back to time immemorial and therefore is claimed to be ancient. It has withstood many challenges.

The challenges for an old Order are immense, especially in a world, where instant action dominates. From instant beverages, to instant food, from instant marriage to instant divorce, to mention just a few. We even encounter nowadays instant masons from a world where promotion is rapid and Masonic knowledge becomes secondary. Rejuvenating existing lodges appear the present buzzword. Old masons are considered to be a liability. The demand goes even so far as calling for the retirement of old masons. This is considered to be the instant cure to revive stagnating and ailing lodges.

It was during a visit to one of the old, established lodges that a young master mason (not quite an instant mason) noticed the large number of old masons sitting in the columns. When it came to exchange greetings with the presiding master, the young master mason stood up and remarked on the number of old masons present and suggested that it might be good if those inactive should be excluded from attending lodges. Their inactivity gave the lodge a bad image. Brethren would consider such a lodge a dying lodge. Expecting some comment, the young master mason was surprised that nobody even blinked an eye.

After the lodge was closed the young master mason approached the presiding master of the lodge to enquire about the lack of response from the brethren to his statement in the temple. The presiding master looked at him and since he could see that the young brother wanted an answer, he asked him. "What do you know about masonry?" To which the young mason replied that he had read whatever he could find on masonry and therefore considered himself proficient enough to make a statement like he had done in the temple.

The presiding master of the lodge who had devoted more than half his life to masonry and was known for his Masonic wisdom replied: "Let me help you. The first thing that a true mason recognises is that Masonic knowledge cannot be learned from a book or publication. You can only understand it once you are able to experience and live it. You saw these masons sitting in the columns. You referred to them as old, I prefer to call them experienced masons who have up to now and still are mentoring young masons. They are eager to impart their Masonic experience to young masons like you they recognised your inexperience and lack of Masonic protocol. They did not reply in order to spare you any embarrassment. Fellowship in masonry is a virtue that will take all your life to perfect.



The young master mason never uttered a reply and left soon thereafter. He never returned to the lodge and thus the master of the lodge never found out whether his wise words had made any impact on the Masonic life of the young master mason.

Which of the two is a better asset or greater liability to have in a lodge:

The experienced/old past master mason or the new and instant master mason?

Maybe an assembly of both.

This is the question, which I will leave open and which is best for you to answer.





IT'S JUST A TURN AWAY

A tale of Masonic Brethren surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently and finally spoke up: "I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the

Now, what do you see, looking ahead?" Complete darkness." What do you feel, looking ahead?" "A sense of loneliness, being alienated." "What do you feel at you side?" Nothing at all." What do you feel on your back?" " The warmth of the fire."



great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up and gather in a circle around the campfire." They did that. " now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him". They did that too. "Now, what do you see looking ahead?" "The face of a brother through the flames." What do you feel in front of you?" "The warmth of the fire and the comfort it brings on a cold night" "What do you feel at you side?" "The warm hand of a brother." "OK, now drop your hands and turn around." They did so. "

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man. "In Masonic gatherings, you feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a brother through the light, Masonry brings to you and you can always feel the warm hand of your Masonic brother." "When you turn away from masonry and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic brother." "But Masonry and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."





A stone-cutter by Francois Sicard, showing the working origins of the Masonic order

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