

The Square and Compasses.

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Most Worshipful Brother David Duncan OSM.

Get Yourself a Round Tuit!

A ROUND TUIT

This is a Tuit. Guard it with your life as Tuits are hard to come by, especially the round ones. This is an indispensable item. It will help you become a more efficient worker. For years we have heard people say, "I'll do it as soon as I get a round tuit." Now that you have one, you can accomplish all those things you put aside until you got a ROUND TUIT.

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Brethren: Every one of us has essential administration in our lives. It is always there; whether business, social or personal. Most of us do not like it; but we have to accept that it has to be done. The problem is, of course, that we are always reluctant to define the time line. In many cases, by the time we get "a round tuit", it is last minute or too late.

I am sure that you will have had a chuckle when you read the above, but how true it is, even in the Order. If you are ever in doubt, just ask your Lodge Secretary for his opinion.

Every month he arranges for the wishes of the Worshipful Master to be communicated to the members and asks them to respond as to whether or not they will be attending the meeting. He does this, not because he is prying into the private life of the member, but because he has to organise the meeting. The Lodge may have a degree working to organise and this must be a "WOW" experience for the Candidate. This will not happen if the meeting is not organised properly and everyone plays their part.

Anyone who has been a Worshipful Master knows just how frustrating it is to find, after he has spent the month learning his part of the working in order to be as near to word perfect as possible, that the members who volunteered to perform a part of the working are badly prepared or do not turn up. Often the reason for the "no show", is to save embarrassment in being found to be wanting in the execution of a promise.

A Freemason is only as good as his word. His reputation is based on the fact that the "metaphorical handshake" is his bond. It is not a "maybe", to be considered only if he has time. If he commits to a course of action, it must be fulfilled if he is to remain credible. Too many broken promises indicate that we, as an Order, fail to make our Brethren understand that Freemasonry is primarily a process of facilitation through which he can improve himself. Just belonging will not make him a "better man"; it takes involvement and commitment. Has anyone ever become physically fit by subscribing to a gymnasium and never attending?

Brethren: It is essential that we get "a round tuit" in our Masonic lives. We are achievers and achievers get on with what has to be done. It is a question of purpose. Where do you want to be? Do you want to realise the object of Freemasonry in enabling you to improve yourself? Is this not a worthwhile expenditure of your precious time? Is this not what you joined for?

If you believe this to be true, then please respond promptly to the requests of your Lodge Secretary or the other Brethren striving to take our Order forward. They also have a desire to improve themselves through being Freemasons. By making them ask time and time again for your assistance in organising a meeting or Masonic activity, from which you will invariably benefit, you are unnecessarily wasting their time. Is it fair to prevent them from progressing towards their personal goals, just because you have not yet found your way clear to getting "a round tuit"?

**MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM
Grand Master**

The choices that you make today
will ultimately affect tomorrow



Wor Bro Juice Oosthuizen (centre), VW Bro Frans Appelgryn (L), RW Bro Jan Conradie (3L) and RW Bro Cor van Zyl (4L) are seen at the Peace and Harmony Installation with the Brethren of the Lodge, Grand Lodge, PGL, Sister Constitutions and visitors.

Peace and Harmony Install New Master

On Saturday 15th June, our Kimberley based No 11 Lodge installed Wor Bro Juice Oosthuizen as their new Worshipful Master. The event, which took place at the historic Kimberley Temple, was well supported with some 8 Apprentices included in the numbers..

Grand Lodge was led by RW Bro Jan Conradie and PGL by the PGM, RW Bro Cor van Zyl. The working was performed by VW Bro Frans Appelgryn, who was able to demonstrate his strong ritual skills.

The Lodge has been through a turbulent time over the past few years, but the outgoing Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Antonie Janse van Rensburg, has set them on a new path. With Wor Bro Juice Oosthuizen now in the Chair and the strongly support of Bro Francois Dauth (Secretary) and the rest of the Brethren, the future really does look a whole lot brighter.

The Lodge Orange Apprentices

Over the past few years Rustenberg's very settled Lodge Orange has had a dearth of Apprentices, with no Initiations taking place. 2019, however, has introduced a whole new era in the Lodge's history.

They have recently initiated 3 new Brethren, being Carel Nortje in February, Alwyn Smit in March and Evert Viljoen in April. All of them are enthusiastic about the Masonic journey which lies ahead of them and we are much looking forward to observing their progress in the Lodge over the years which lie ahead.



Bros Carel Nortje, Evert Viljoen and Alwyn Smit

Bikers ride in to Prins Frederik Installation

Tuesday 18th June was a unique sort of evening. The original Master Elect, Wor Bro Godfrey Place, had been forced to withdraw due to his promotion to PGM and RW Bro Alan van der Vyver stepped up to take the Prins Frederick chair. Alan requested that the ceremony be performed by RW Bro Tommy Hardiman, his close friend, and Tommy flew up from Cape Town to do so.

Both Alan and Tommy used to play professional cricket, are very keen bikers and are proud fathers of their young daughters. They also just happen to be the GLSA's



only two Grand Ritualists so it was no surprise that the working was exceptionally well performed and brought much credit to all who were involved.

The Deputy PGM, Wor Bro Simon Nash, led the PGL team and received a strong Grand Lodge delegation led by RW Bro Johan Olivier. Some 60 Brethren from all 4 Constitutions attended the event, including the RW Scottish DGM, Bro Jim Kerr, and several Officers from the UGLE.



It was also heart-warming to see the Widows Sons, an international Masonic Motorcycle Club, support one of their own with 11 of their members being present.



The Lodge Libertas Ladies at the Lodge's recent Open Evening

Libertas Open Evening makes Headlines

Lodge Libertas had an "Open Day" on 22nd May where their Master, Wor Bro Marius Mostert, invited potential candidates and members of the public into the Lodge. Included was a reporter from the Krugersdorp News, through whom an appropriate advert was placed.

This has become an annual event for the Lodge and they invite all those who may be interested and try to enlighten them about Freemasonry in general.

To view the excellent press article, click on this link:

[Krugersdorp News Article](#)

Our congratulations are extended to the Brethren of Lodge Libertas on this excellent initiative. Hopefully we'll see more Lodges following their example.

MP Bro Boet du Plessis is African President

A few short months ago the Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR for South Africa, MP Bro Boet du Plessis was elected as the President of the Confederation of Africa and Indian Ocean Islands Supreme Councils. His formal Installation took place at a recent meeting in Abidjan which was held to officially launch the new body and its founding Statutes.

The ceremony formed part of the AGM of the Supreme Council for Cote D'Ivoire and was very well attended. Member countries are Togo, South Africa, Benin, Cote D'Ivoire and Mauritius. Germany and the Republic of Congo were also represented.



The appointment as the Confederation President is for two years and South Africa is to be the Head Office. The Statutes were formally approved at meetings which took place in the days leading up to the event.

The Supreme Councils and Freemasonry in particular were praised for their commitment to the work involved in uniting Africa.

De Goede Hoop Install their new Master

On Wednesday 12th June Lodge de Goede Hoop installed Wor Bro Malcolm Gessler as their new Master. The ceremony was performed by PGM. RW Bro Tommy Hardiman. Wor Bro Dawie van Rooyem, did the Board of Installed Masters and Grand Lodge was led by RW Bro John Smith OSM MSA.



Wor Bro Evangelos Doucas, RW Bro John Smith OSM MSA, Wor Bro Malcolm Gessler, RW Bro Tommy Hardiman, Wor Bro Dawie van Rooyen

The Volume of Sacred Law – Times 3

In a historic Royal Arch Northern Division event, we had the Bible, the Koran and the Torah all on the same altar. It was here that the 3 candidates, each from a different religious background, committed themselves to pursue their journey together as Brothers.



Freemasonry provides an environment where men can relate to each other as equals without being concerned about religion, political persuasions, colour of skin, language, status or wealth and this was a wonderful example of these principles being applied.

Chapter Golden Thistle 245 are to be congratulated on bringing this all together.

Almoner's Corner

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of Wor Bro Corrie Grobelaar (Simon van der Stel) whose long and brave fight with cancer has finally ended. He was a PGL Officer for many years and still a very active Warden. Our condolences are extended to Dalene and the family at this difficult time.

We also had an email from New Zealand advising us that Wor Bro Ian Levingston (ex Dromedaris) had passed to the Eternal East. It was a final wish that his South African Brethren be notified. Our sympathies are extended to daughter Alison and the family.

I'm told that Louise Venter (wife of Koos – Johan van Riebeeck), having fought of cancer, has tripped and cracked a tibia. She is now in a moonboot! Get well soon Louise – and please calm down.

Wor Bro Lucas van der Schyff (Worshipful Master of Johan van Riebeeck) is recovering well after his knee operation and is already driving around confidently.

Wor Bro Koos Snyman (Johan van Riebeeck) is on his 5th week of radiation and assures us that he's feeling fine and can't wait to get back to his morning gym.

RW Bro Peet Roos (de Broederband) gave us really positive feedback on his daughter. She has now had her kidney transplant and is making great progress.

If anything is known about a Brother in distress, please ensure that your Divisional Almoner is aware of him:

Southern	Wor Bro Cobis Wilson	083 2844684
Northern	Wor Bro Simon Nash	082 4148604
Central	Wor Bro Johnny Cambanis	083 9865397
Eastern	Wor Bro Johan v d Merwe	083 3010219
E Cape	Wor Bro Roy Handley	082 8625804

Lodge Orange's Open Installation

On the 11th May 2019 Lodge Orange had an Open Installation and reinvested Wor Bro Gerald Bosch, after a most successful first term, as their Presiding Master.



Instead of the usual address, RW Bro Peet Roos, the Installing Officer, took the opportunity to interact with the members of the public, on Freemasonry.

The Installation itself was a real celebration and the positive article which appeared in the following week's Rustenburg Herald was much appreciated.



Southern's Masonic Olympics

In Southern Division the 4 Constitutions enjoyed a very warm and harmonious relationship – and then along came the Masonic Olympics. These are a series of different events held throughout the year in which teams from the different Constitutions compete against each other. The Sports include Golf, Fishing, Pool, Darts, Cricket, Trivial Pursuit and others and the competition, while always held in Brotherly Love, can get pretty intense as the Brethren strive for superiority.

My opening paragraph is, of course, a light-hearted one. These activities are always successful and really do help to cement the bonds between our Constitutions.



The PGL Southern Division Pool team which I seem to think came 2nd to the Irish.

Losie Sonheuwel Install new Master

On Saturday 22nd June 2019 Losie Sonheuwel had their annual Installation in Port Elizabeth. The Installing Officer was the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Keith Hutton, who gave a most interesting and enlightening address. He was well supported by his PGL Officers in the execution of the Installation ceremony.

The new Presiding Master is Wor Bro Wayne Enslin and we have every confidence that his infectious enthusiasm is going to have a real impact as he strives to take this very special Lodge to new heights.



45th Annual Masonic Spring Ball

It was in 1974 that Southern Division held their first Masonic Spring Ball – and 45 years later it is still going strong! The aim was to generate funds so that the Division could provide affordable housing for the elderly and, with a block of 13 Flats and 3 Homes for Seniors and a Home for Quadriplegics, all hopes have been surpassed.

The work, however, continues and more funds are always needed - and on Saturday 14th September at the Kelvin Grove Club in Newlands, Cape Town, the Southern Division will be holding the 45th Spring Ball. We hope to see you there!

MASONIC SPRING BALL
2019
 SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER – 19H30 TO MIDNIGHT
 AT KELVIN GROVE BALL ROOM
 144 CAMPBELL RD NEWLANDS
 www.southernball.co.za
 TICKETS R495.00 PP: Includes 3 course meal and wine on the table
 RESERVATIONS ESSENTIAL
 Tickets Available from the Provincial Grand Secretary
 secretary@grandodge.co.za - 021 481 5488
 All proceeds in aid of the "Masonic Homes" – PBO No 930057584