

The Square and Compasses.

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Most Worshipful Brother David Duncan OSM.

..... and now to get a “Round Tuit”

Brethren; the 2019 AGM has come and gone and it was truly a splendid affair. To those who were there and participated; we thank you most sincerely. Your presence was greatly appreciated. It is a fact that when the Temple is full, the ambiance transcends the norm and the Brotherly Love is most intense. To those who could not make the meeting; we missed you.

Last month we chuckled over the item in the title. This month, I wish to look at the more serious side.

Brethren, the Order is all about the members and their happiness. I believe that it relates to the rhetorical question; “*am I my Brothers’ keeper?*”

We have been trying to promote the Almoners’ program for some time now as part of a structural base for the manifestation of Brotherly Love and we have not achieved the participation levels that we had hoped for. The objectives of this program start with the individual Member and the effort to develop his commitment to show Brotherly Love at every opportunity. Remember; we took an oath on it!

There is a belief that if the Lodge appoints an Almoner, the job is done. This is so far from reality that it actually compromises one of our most precious principles. Brotherly Love is a personal concept and cannot be delegated to a third party. It is what we do and not something that can be fully institutionalised. The Almoner is merely the coordinator of the efforts of each Brother to make a difference. “*Every man is our Brother we must work for all ...*”.

In the Lodge, our immediate Brethren face many challenges in their daily lives. They are no different to each of us; we also face similar challenges every day. If we sometimes need a shoulder to cry on; why shouldn’t they? Do we offer ourselves to fulfil that role when needed? Do we listen when they need a confidant?

Happiness is an ethereal concept and difficult to define. It is many things to many people. What we can define is unhappiness and this is something we all have a handle on. One of the most powerful stimulants of unhappiness is a sense of being alone when confronting a crisis. Having no-one that you can trust to talk to. No-one with whom you can share ideas; confident in the knowledge that they will not be used against you later.

Brethren; is this not what Brotherly Love is all about? Being there for a Brother through thick and thin? Sharing your time with him in the generation of possible solutions to his problems. Just asking if you can help. The empathy generated by this question has proven so powerful in making a person feel better. Just by reassuring him that he is not alone.

Brethren; it is time to get a “*round tuit*” and to take time to make a real difference in the life of a Brother. What you share with the Lodge Almoner depends, of course, on the sensitivity of the situation. But; If everyone made a phone call to find out why a Brother was not at Lodge last night and respected the “*safe*” information shared, I am sure that the Brethren in the Lodge would soon find a way to act upon it and demonstrate their Brotherly Love.

**MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM
Grand Master**

25 Years – a Significant Milestone

At this point in time the GLSA has 6 Brethren with over 60 years Masonic service and a further 14 with over 50 years. These Brethren have been recognised with suitable jewels and enjoy the status they deserve.

There are also a further 140 Brethren who have served for 25 years or more and it has been decided to recognise them all with the handsome new pin which each of them will now receive.

RW Bro Avron Jacobson is applauded for the superb artwork.



Masonic Spring Ball – A Final Reminder

On Saturday 14th September, Southern Division hold their 45th consecutive Masonic Spring Ball. This highly prestigious event is at the Kelvin Grove Club and costs R495 per seat. To book or just get more information, email springball@grandlodge.co.za



The Grand Master, MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM (7 from R) with GL Officers, PGL Officers and foreign guests at the AGM..

GLSA AGM is a great Success

The 2019 GLSA AGM took place in Johannesburg on Saturday 13th July. The weekend was an extremely busy but most successful one.

On Friday night the Grand Master and his senior Officers entertained the foreign delegation heads at the Sunnyside Park Hotel. Gifts were exchanged and the very convivial atmosphere really did set the relaxed tone for the most demanding schedule to follow.

Saturday morning was Northern Division's AGM, while the afternoon was the turn of Grand Lodge. After receiving delegations from Ghana, Congo, Gabon, Greece and Scotland and attending to such important



MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM with visiting delegation heads items as paying tribute to those Grand Lodge Officers who had been called to the Eternal East during the year past, the Grand Master delivered an excellent report. He gave credit to those who had served so diligently over the past year and summarised the year's highlights.

He then obligated and invested the GL Officers for the year ahead and announced the names of those Brethren on whom he was conferring Past GL rank.

The award for the Best Lodge Secretary was then given to Wor Bro Marius Terblanche (de Vereeniging) and that for the Best Installation Address presented to Wor Bro Reuven Coenen (APGM Northern Division).



MW Bro Geoff Edwards OSM and Wor Bro Marius Terblanche



RW Bro John Smith OSM MSA and Wor Bro Reuven Coenen

The Grand Master then acknowledged the 50 years Masonic Service completed by Wor Bros Ollie Edwards and Ray Franks and exchanged greetings with the heads of the various visiting delegations.

On Saturday evening a joint Festive Board for both the Grand Lodge and Northern Division was held and all present relaxed and enjoyed each other's company.

Northern Division start a new Era

On the morning of Saturday 13th July, we held the Northern Division AGM and installed the new PGM. The events took place in a very full Park Lane Temple.

After opening the Lodge and welcoming his guests, RW Bro Peet Roos fairly quickly progressed to reading his annual report. The Grand Master thanked him for his report and the services that he had rendered.

MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, assisted by his Grand Lodge Officers, then proceeded with the installation of RW Bro Godfrey Place as the Division's new PGM. RW Bro Place then outlined some of his goals for the Division and all were suitably impressed.



RW Bro Godfrey Place,

MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM,

RW Bro Peet Roos

RW Bro Place then installed his various Officers and stressed that he had high expectations and was determined that these would be met. After relevant greetings had been exchanged, the meeting was closed.



Wor Bros John Bosman, Simon Nash, RW Bro Godfrey Place, MW Bro Dave Duncan, Wor Bros Reuven Coenen, Freddie Diener

Lodge Theophilus install a first-time Master

After 10 years of recycled Masters, Theophilus were delighted to have Wor Bro Alan Tyrer installed as their new Worshipful Master. The installation was well performed by Wor Bro Johan van der Merwe and the meeting was extremely well attended.

The most enjoyable Festive Board that followed was attended by numerous wives, dignitaries and visiting brethren and all agreed that it was very special.



Back - Bro Pieter Nel, RW Bro Piet Coetzee OSM, Wor Bro Alan Tyrer, Bro Alwyn Geel, Wor Bro Eric Scholtz, Bro Herman Horn. Front - Bro Rudi Swart, VW Bro Grant Futter, Wor Bro Gerry Gregory.

Lodge Makalani – a Special Weekend

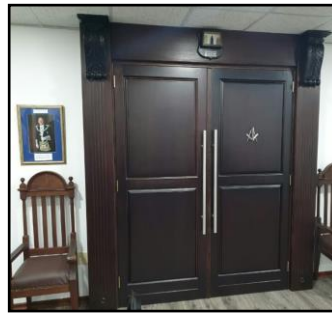
On Saturday 7th July Lodge Makalani reinstalled Wor Bro Jacob Theron for a 2nd term. Grand Lodge was led by MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM, while the installation was performed by RW Bro Cor van Zyl. As always, the Grootfontein hospitality was exceptional and all present had a weekend to remember.



Makalani's legendary VW Bro Monty and Lara Montgomery, MW Bro Dave Duncan OSM and RW Bro Alf Brönnner

Lodge Central Free State's new Home

Over the past years Central Free State in Welkom have had a number of break-ins which have seen the loss of various Masonic items and seriously affected Lodge morale. They have now found very attractive new premises in a secure area and, with assistance from the Brethren, have turned them into a Masonic facility to be proud of.



The Brethren are to be complimented on their initiative and commitment. May your stay in your new Masonic home be a long and very happy one.

Lodge Magersfontein get all fired up!

Our newest "Military" Lodge was consecrated in March this year and they meet at the historic Kimberley Temple. Led by the Worshipful Master, RW Bro Alf Brönnner, the enthusiasm is contagious and the Brethren really are going all out to make it as meaningful as possible.

Special dispensation was given to the Lodge to substitute rifles for swords and in the picture below the Brethren can be seen proudly displaying their newly acquired .303 rifles.

Various historical events are being planned, such as a visit and Masonic celebration at the site of the Battle of Magersfontein.



Almoner's Corner

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing at 98 years of Past Grand Orator, VW Bro Noel Haylett, (Cape Town). Noel joined Lodge Muizenberg in 1966 and was a founder member of Lodge Cape Town. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family.

Wor Bro Jeremy Rundle (First United) has recently lost his father. Please keep Jeremy and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

We also extend sympathy to Bro Serge Tshisuaka (de Goede Verwachting) whose brother was recently murdered in the Congo. Serge is much in our thoughts as he tries to come to terms with this awful news.

We are pleased to report that Bro Gibson Njenje (Star of the Rand) is recovering from his hip operation.

Wor Bro Braam van Zyl (Johan van Riebeeck) has recently been hospitalised for blood clots on his lungs. Get well soon Braam, you're important to us!

Congratulations to Wor Bro Vaughn Berger (Golden City) and his wife Lana on the birth of their baby girl Ava. May you enjoy every precious moment.

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 Reuven Coenen	071 6120577
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 Neerlandia reminded of days gone by

On Saturday 22nd of June 2019, Lodge Neerlandia had their 97th Installation with Wor Bro Jeremy Rundle being installed for a second term.

The well attended meeting was also a Grand Lodge callout with RW Bro Vic Mühlenbeck, Past Assistant Grand Master; leading the Grand Lodge delegation. Wor Bro Anton van Rooyen then performed the installation. The event was a most successful one and was much enjoyed by all in attendance.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Lodge was presented, by RW Bro Mühlenbeck, with some regalia items he'd been sent by a friend in the UK. The apron and MM diploma belonged to a Bro Sidney Cowley, a butcher at the time, and was issued in November 1931.



RW Bro Vic Mühlenbeck, Wor Bro Jeremy Rundle and RW Bro Basil de Kock (PGM) with the Cowley memorabilia.

Mark and Riana Collins Renew their Vows

Earlier this year, Southern Division introduced a special Wedding Rededication ceremony and on Thursday 18th July de Goede Verwachting's Bro Mark and Riana Collins chose to celebrate their recent marriage with their Masonic friends and their families.



In this picture Mark and Riana renew their vows to each other under the watchful eye of RW Bro Brian Rossouw OSM. Brian much enjoys his lead role in these events and they really prove to be very meaningful.

“Walking Tall“ is making great strides!

This Northern Division project supports a feeding scheme initiated by the boxing community and first brought to the GLSA by RW Bro Alan van der Vyver some 4 years ago. RW Bro Godfrey Place, the new PGM., readily saw just how significant a contribution it was making to the lives of the 200 people fed by the Brethren every Wednesday and, when it was suggested that the Division commit the AGM fund-raising efforts to “Walking Tall with Pride”, he readily agreed.

As a result of the festive board raffle, R12,500 was raised and it was decided that this would be used for a special Mandela Day event.



The Brethren of Prins Fredrik Lodge represented the Division and their members gave 67 minutes each to “Walking Tall with Pride”. The occasion was further enhanced by such donations as 80 blankets from the annual blanket drive run by Wor Bro Simon Nash and, overall, the event proved to be a major success.

The local press had also been invited to share in the Freemasons desire to do more than just give a cheque, but rather to contribute their time. They were impressed and published an excellent article including a picture of Wor Bro Alex Ndubuisi serving the needy.



The Brethren of Lodge Friendship supporting “Walk Tall”

To gain a better insight on what Northern Division have chosen to support, click on [Walking Tall](#)