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Freemasons support the Comrades Marathon

For a number of years now all Masonic Constitutions have gathered to provide assistance to the athletes running the Comrades. This year was no different as on Sunday, 9th June 2024 Masons supported the marathon which this year commenced in Pietermaritzburg and ended in Durban.



The Masonic marquee was a real attention grabber and did Freemasonry proud!

Freemasons are pool champions!

While Masons in the Eastern Division were enjoying the Comrades Marathon on 9th June 2024, Freemasons in the Southern Division participated in this year's inter-constitution Olympics pool competition. The GLSA team did us proud by winning the event.



Pictured above are (from left to right): Sean Stuart, Gary Hendricks, Justin Croucher and Leroy Muller.

De Goede Hoop Installs their Master

On Wednesday, 12 June 2024, de Goede Hoop Lodge installation took place. For the first time in several years, de Goede Hoop installed a first time

Master in the Chair. Wor Bro Bradley Bordiss is a hugely enthusiastic and committed Mason and the year ahead promises to be a special one.

In the picture below, de Goede Hoop Master, Bradley Bordiss (centre), MW Bro Godfrey Place, on his right with the 2 Past Grand Masters and the PGM and Installing Officer, RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, on his left with the heads of all 3 Sister Constitutions.



Lodge Libertas re-installs their Master

On 15th June 2024, RW Bro Johan Britz was re-installed as Master of Lodge Libertas in Roodepoort, Northern Division. RW Bro Simon Nash led the PGL delegation, while Wor Bro Gerald Bosch performed the Installation which was overall a most successful event.



Pictured above: RW Bro Johan Britz (3rd from the right) with Wor Bro Gerald Bosch (3rd from the left) and RW Bro Simon Nash (2nd from the right)

These are your Almoners

If anything is known about a Brother in distress, please share it with your Divisional Almoner.

Southern	Wor Bro Llew Lloyd-Jones	072 9653572
Northern	Wor Bro Herman Roos	082 3184238
Central	Wor Bro John Meyer	073 3525832
Eastern	Wor Bro Rudi Swart	072 5868135
E Cape	Wor Bro Ian Hetherington	082 9545297



Peace & Harmony and Magersfontein



While Lodge Libertas was having their installation, Lodges Peace and Harmony, and Magersfontein shared an Installation date in Kimberley. This year saw Wor Bro Francois Dauth (seated 4th from the left) go into the chair of Peace and Harmony, while Wor Bro Johnny Cambanis (seated 3rd from the right) went into Magersfontein. The PGM, RW Bro Marcel de Kock (seated 4th from the right), performed both of the ceremonies and RW Bro Alf Bronner (seated 3rd from the left), Past Assistant GM, led the Grand Lodge delegation.

AASR (Southern Division) attend English Higher degrees for the first time

On Saturday, 8 June 2024, the English AASR held a higher degrees working at their temple in Pinelands,



Cape Town at which they put 4 Brethren through the 30th degree. For the first time ever, Brethren from the local AASR of South Africa attended an English AASR working. (See top photo below)

Royal Arch Northern Division hosts their AGM

The Royal Arch Northern Division hosted their AGM on Saturday, 1 June 2024 in Orange Grove, Johannesburg. With MEC Marius Mostert (seated 4th from the right) in the chair the RA Northern AGM was always going to be a good one.

The report was positive and the meeting was very smoothly run. The First Grand Principal, MEC John Smith OSM MSA (seated 4th from the left), led the Supreme Grand Chapter team and was delighted to be able to welcome the Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place (seated 5th from the right). Also included in our picture below is the newly elected First Grand Principal, RW Bro Avron Jacobson (seated 1st on the left), who will be installed in Cape Town on Saturday, 28 September 2024. Prior to the AGM there had been a rededication ceremony for Chapter Brixton on the Saturday morning. (See bottom photo below).



A fellowcraft in De Broederband Lodge

Lodge De Broederband in Pretoria in the Northern Division passed Bro Andre Swanepoel to Fellowcraft on 19 June 2024. The Lodge's Master, Wor Bro Dean Liversage, was in the chair, and was ably assisted by the Deputy Master, Wor Bro Wikus Steyl, and the Broederband team.



Chapter Acacia performs a Mark Master working

Royal Arch Northern Division Chapter Acacia performed a Mark Master Mason working for Bro Petrus van der Walt, a member of Lodge Star of the East, on behalf of Chapter Fidelity. MEC Martin Grey was the MEZ.



An additional Master Mason in Lodge Westerford



On Thursday, 6 June 2024, Lodge Westerford of the Southern Division raised Bro Randall MacPherson (seated in the middle) to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Worshipful Master, Wor Bro Sean Stuart (seated 2nd from the left), was in the chair and, as is invariably the case with Westerford, the working was of a very high standard.

Attention: All Lodges

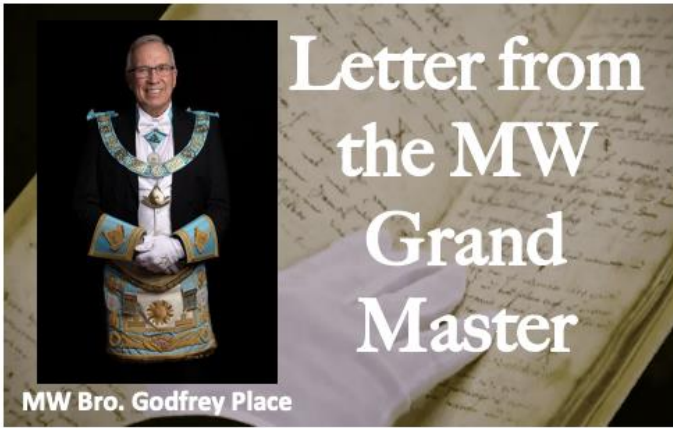
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Being a Freemason in the modern world

We repeatedly acknowledge that Freemasonry is many centuries old. We also know that history shows an ever-changing world. No doubt the Freemasons of yesteryear, felt much the same as we do, that being how they fit into what was then, their “modern society”. The one thing which we know, is that technology has changed so much of our lives. Various forces have shifted moral values of societies all over the world; instant gratification, breakdown of family values, corruption, crime, and so the list goes on, is so prevalent in many societies.

In one of the installation ceremonies I was reading about, the following extract resonated with my feelings above. It reads “... *we learn that the Almighty does not look upon the outward appearance of a man, but upon the heart*”.

We glibly talk that as Freemasons we are making the world a better place for all who live in it. However, was this notion front and foremost of our minds at our initiation? Our initiation set our feet on a particular path, which I am sure we were unaware of at the time, that often places us in conflict with ourselves. The path which Freemasonry points out, often diverges in many subtle ways from the path which exists in our modern society. We belong to an Order which is not a religion, and which we need to be proud of, not perpetuating the belief that we are a secret society. We need to be far more visible on our communities, starting with our own families

(including the extended family aspect). We must not hide ourselves away in the world. We have a right to live in the world and we need to show that we are proud to be Freemasons. Some of our members hold prominent positions in society, often being in the public eye. It is by our unwavering commitment to the principals of the order, in our conduct at all times, that we protect the good name of Freemasonry and remove any opportunity for nay sayers to attack us.

We need to look into the hidden recesses of our hearts and ensure that the values of the order form the bedrock of the foundations of our belief systems. We must internalise the principals of the Order, being **TRUTH, MORALITY, and BROTHERLY LOVE**. Within these cornerstones, the fourth will result, being **RELIEF**.

We need to look for the good in people and in society. News only sells based on bad news. It is time to sell news based on the good aspects of life, showing that society can turn to us for relief and guidance. Let us live our lives as a true representation of the temple we are trying to build within ourselves to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. By so doing, society will see us, and we will see each other, just as He sees us.

If we follow these guidelines, we will find that we align ourselves to those aspects of society which look beyond the surface values to those that are found in the deeper regions of society. In the hidden recesses of people who strive after everything which is good, true and beautiful. We cannot focus on laying earthly treasures for ourselves, as when we go, these earthly trinkets stay behind. If we live by the principles of the Order, we will live respected and die regretted.

Let us follow the path which is shown to us by the square, never deviating from it and by so doing, really making the world a better place for all who live in it.

