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## HISTORIC TIES WITH OUR NETHERLANDIC BB CONTINUES TODAY

### Dutch group visit de Goede Hoop

On Wednesday, 14 August 2024 de Goede Hoop Lodge initiated Bro Steve Akhilomen. Adding much lustre to the event, Wor Bro Gideon van Eeden and his touring group of 6 Netherlandic Freemasons joined the Lodge for the evening. Gideon is a South African who settled in Holland some 20 years ago. He wanted to bring his Brethren to visit his homeland and his team really enjoyed the working they were able to share with us.



Wor Bro Bradley Bordiss is presented with an apron by  
Wor Bro Gideon van Eeden

### GM of the Netherlands visits Star of the Rand

On Tuesday, 20 August 2024, Star of the Rand, with RW Bro Simon Nash in the chair, raised Bro Abel Sisya. To make the evening particularly special the Grand Master of the Grand East of the Netherlands, MW Bro Leonard Jonkers, was also in attendance with our own Grand Master, MW Bro Godfrey Place, who was there to welcome him.

### Prins Frederik is involved in the community

The Grand Master has stressed the need for more community involvement – and where better to start than in his own Lodge. The Grand Master’s efforts in support of Alzheimer’s and Dementia sufferers are

well known. Working together with the same group of retired ladies, Prins Frederik Lodge have now assisted the Louis Botha Children’s Home in Pretoria.

The ladies donated over 100 pairs of pajamas and slippers, while Prins Frederik BB contributed over 100 bottles of body shampoo. The home, inevitably, was absolutely delighted!



The ladies and Lodge members with some of the items being donated

### Senekal’s Busy Saturday

On Saturday, 31 August 2024 Lodge Senekal raised 3 Brethren to Master Mason. RW Bro Alf Brönner OSM was in the chair and was ably assisted by BB from his own and other Central Division Lodges. For Bros Kevin Vague, Pieter Botha and Barries Barnard it must have been a truly memorable day!



Front from 3L; Pieter Botha, Alf Brönner, Kevin Vague, Barries Barnard





## Makalani weekend the usual success

On Saturday, 3 August 2024 Lodge Makalani installed RW Bro Monty Montgomery for yet another term as their Worshipful Master. The Grand Lodge delegation was led by RW Bro Alf Brönner while the ceremony was performed by Wor Bro Francois Dauth. As always the weekend was well supported and much enjoyed.



Seated centre is RW Bro Alf Brönner OSM then Monty Montgomery and Francois Dauth

## de Goede Verwachting installs Duwayne Brown

On Thursday, 15 August 2024, Duwayne Brown was installed as Master of de Goede Verwachting. Duwayne started his Masonic career in the Central Division and several members of his family, including his uncle RW Bro Cor van Zyl, came down to Cape Town to share the evening with him. RW Bro Ray Eyiomen performed the installation and VW Bro Louis van der Linde the Board of Installed Masters.



Seated RW Bro Raymond Eyiomen, Wor Bro Duwayne Brown, RW Bro Cor van Zyl



## Southern's darts team at Masonic Olympics

The Southern Division came third in the Darts leg of the Southern Division Inter-Constitutional Olympics. The team was Sean Stuart, Quewin Keyser, Gary Hendricks, Cas Kruger, Martin Slabbert and Leroy Muller.



## Star of the West celebrates Women's Day



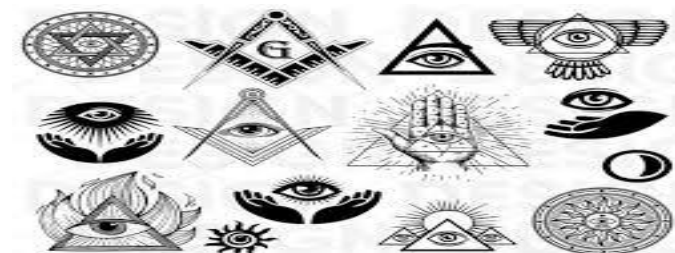
The Brethren and their ladies enjoying their meal

The Brethren of Star of the West decided that they needed to celebrate National Women's Day properly, so they took their ladies out for a meal. This is a great idea and we'd like to see much more of these team-building activities. Well done!



## de Goede Kaap RAM gain 3 new members

On Tuesday, 27 August 2024 de Goede Kaap RAM advanced Comp Robert Kakesse, MEC Geoff Edwards OSM and Comp Tyson Mukendi to the Royal Ark Mariner degree.







## Fidelity RA Install new MEZ

On Friday, 23 August 2024, Chapter Fidelity installed MEC Jeannot Boussougouth as their new MEZ. The event was well supported and the Chapter has every reason to be optimistic about the year ahead.



MEC Marius Mostert, Leroyd Bergsteedt, Jeannot Boussougouth, Allen Tshabangu and Dino Kyriazis

## RA Chapter Acacia Install new MEZ

On Monday, 19 August 2024, at the Willows Masonic Centre, RA Chapter Acacia had their annual Installation. The well supported ceremony was performed by MEC Marius Mostert and his team. The 3 Principals (seated) are EC Benn Chapman (EH), MEC Rayaan Uys (MEZ) and EC Howard Masena (EJ).



## 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 Barend Esterhuizen	072 4727236
Eastern Wor Bro Rudi Swart	072 5868135
E Cape Wor Bro Ian Hetherington	082 9545297

## Letter to the Editor

This email was received on 25 August 2024 from Barend Esterhuizen (Central Division, Lodge Magersfontein and a nominated member of Peace and Harmony) in reference to the new-look *The Square & Compasses*;

*Thank you sir,*

*The activities of the brethren are indeed a testament to the power of unity and compassion.*

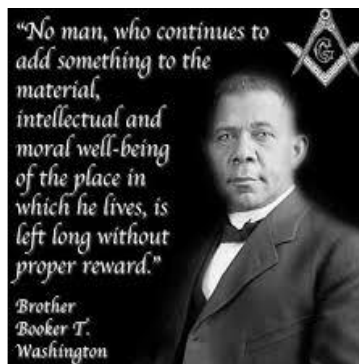
*It's heartening to see such initiatives flourish, and it serves as a reminder that together, we can make a significant difference.*

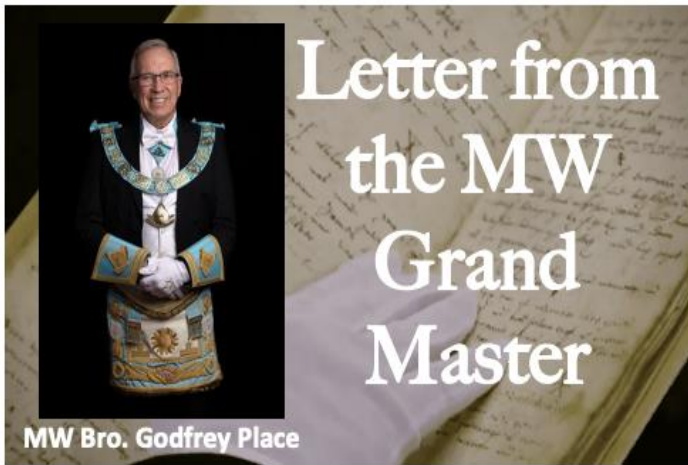
*Keep sharing and celebrating these stories, as they inspire hope and motivate others to join in the good work.*

*Thank you once again,*

*Fraternal regards,*

*Barend Esterhuizen*





**FREEMASONS WHO LABOUR TOGETHER TEND TO STICK TOGETHER**

Organisations exist in our society to fulfil a particular need, either for individuals or for society in general. Analysis of these organisation will reveal that they all have “ups” and “downs” and the results of this type of data can be very enlightening.

Recently a survey was conducted throughout all our divisions to better understand the needs and aspirations of our members. Analysis of the feedback provided some very insightful information which is now being used to support the vision we have for our Grand Lodge.

RW Bro Frans Roodt, the Assistant Grand Master from the Eastern division, grew up in a very active Masonic Family in the Central Division, has pointed out a particular aspect of something that has fallen away from our Order. It is something we have been trying to change, but without the support of the members, we will not achieve this.

Going back to the late 1950’s through to the mid 1980’s, organisations such as the MOTHS, Freemasons, Rotary, even our various religious bodies, were all thriving.

A common thread was family involvement. Wives, children, grandparents, uncles, aunts, you name them, were active in these bodies. Huge fun was had as there was a common goal in each organisation, which gave purpose to their existence, while at the same time providing the support structures that their members were looking for.

What were these goals?

They were all community focussed, be it supporting old age homes, providing education opportunities, raising funds for the less fortunate etc. Everything hinged around community and the relevance of the various organisations therein.

I cast my mind back to my own childhood growing up around the MOTHS where my father was extremely active, attending many functions, dances, memorial parades etc. and we enjoyed them because aside from the serious aspects of the MOTHS, there was fun to be had at all levels. We, as children, formed many friendships through the activities of our parents. We looked forward to these events.

I placed a challenge to all our lodges over a year ago; to get our families involved, doing positive things for our communities. The Alzheimer and Dementia Project has been rather poorly supported, despite “patterns and ideas” having been circulated to all members via Grandview. These ideas can easily be tackled by all members and their families, giving all a sense of purpose. We need to bring our families closer to what we do. By doing so, some of the essential aspects of working together and sticking together will fall into place.

Our friends will see what we are doing and will want to get involved. Our children will invite their friends to the social functions due to the fun to be had at such events, they will tell their parents who may just enquire as to how they can get involved.

Social events do not need to be glitzy and glamorous. A good old fashioned donkey derby, quiz evening, darts evening, even a fete, are events which involve all members and their families. To which we can invite our friends and acquaintances (even our sister constitutions) and which will show them the wonderful and beneficial world of Freemasonry. This while having fun doing something for our communities. These social events are important in our communities, and not every event has to be about fund raising, but rather... **“Fun Raising”**

Are you up to the challenge?

Are you willing to expand our activities to include family members and friends?

Are you willing to make a difference in your community?

Are you willing to make the world a better place for everyone who lives in it?

If so, I look forward to sharing many tales about the fun aspect of our wonderful organisation with the world at large.

Time to roll up our sleeves and get busy with “Fun Raising”!

