

247th COMMUNICATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF KWAZULU-NATAL



The 247th Communication of the District Grand Lodge of KwaZulu-Natal was held at the Hayfields Masonic Complex in Pietermaritzburg on Saturday, 11 June 2022. In his opening remarks, the District Grand Master, RW Bro Anthony Strong stated that, despite the disruption of the Covid-19 Pandemic to our lives, it has enhanced Freemasonry for Brethren have returned to their respective Lodges with additional dedication and enthusiasm, which was evident with the tremendous turn-out on the day.

The meeting was opened with the customary roll call of District Grand Officers and Lodges after which the various annual reports (District Board of General Purposes, District Grand Treasurer etc) were tabled and adopted.

RW Bro Strong continues his term as District Grand Master with WBro Robin Frank Moxham as Deputy District Grand Master. The Assistant District Grand Masters remain unchanged, namely WBros Antonio Da Conceicao Caloba, Ian Alexander Pace and Edric James Pascoe.

Appointment and investiture of DG Officers

A major change in the District was the appointment of a new DG Treasurer after the passing of WBro JATS Thiel in February 2022. WBro James Howard



was elected and subsequently invested by the DGM during this ceremony.

WBro Wayne Johnston was invested as DG Senior Warden and WBro Sergio Marucchi-Benedict as DG Junior Warden.

The other DGL Officers are:

Chaplain, RW Bro GJ Grenfell

Registrar, RW A Findlay

President of the Board, WBro RT Potter

Secretary, WBro P Macquet

Director of Ceremonies, WBro D Robertson

Sword Bearer, WBro PAG Griffith

Superintendent of Works, WBro H Francklin

Deputy Directors of Ceremonies, WBro's S Jacobs & W Gillespie

Almoner, WBro P Macquet

Charity Steward, WBro J Kalil

Mentor, WBro D Zavad

Orator, WBro F Roodt

Senior Deacon, WBro MD Brown

Junior Deacon, WBro O Fourie

Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, WBro's G Scheepers & B Archibald

Standard Bearers, WBro's A Hardy & P Barnard

Organist, WBro A Bergin

Pursuivant, WBro F Peters

Stewards, WBro's S Koobair & A Grobler

Tyler, B Dunlop.

In his annual Report, the DGM highlighted the following:

Communication

Communication, whether written as a memorandum or verbally transmitted, is an essential ingredient in any organization. This is not a one way communication system but transmission is in both directions. Providing this is instilled with the respective Lodges by the Master or Secretary, a noticeable increase in efficiency will become clearly evident culminating in the smooth functioning of the Lodge and in turn the District.

Relating this to the majority of Masters and Secretaries of the twenty two Lodges within the District replies are either ignored, never received or "does not affect me" and many other reasons.

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Recently, two directives were sent to the Lodges regarding vaccination and financial requirements. To date no answers have been received for the former and twenty from the latter, which reflects directly on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Master of the Lodge who clearly is not performing their allocated work. This non-compliance leaves a lot to be desired and await with anticipated breath as to the reasons why. Let's re-access the situation within our respective Lodges and become more professional in all our undertakings.

Charity

The Covid-19 Pandemic has disrupted a certain part of our lives, but above all these difficulties, the charitable side of Freemasonry has come to the fore. On behalf of the District, I extend our congratulations to those Brethren, their wives, partners and even the sponsors for the time devoted in suppling and distributing the needs to those less fortunate than ourselves. This effort has created an exposure within the public resulting in approximately twenty five proposed candidates who want to gain admission into Freemasonry assist in enhancing our endeavours when compared to previous years.

I extend congratulations to Worshipful Brother I.A. Pace and his dedicated team for organizing the Annual Golf day. A sum of R100 000 has been denoted to Father D. Els-

worthy, Minister of St. Cyprians Church, to assist in running the home for abused women and children. A further sum of approximately R40 000 will be denoted via the United Grand Lodge of England to assist the refugees in this un-warranted devastation of the Ukraine/Russia war. Reference must be made to the generosity of Mr. Alan Gooderson, Chairman of the Gooderson Leisure Corporation, for the donation of seven night stay at Drakensberg Gardens (Mariaan Pace) and three nights stay at the Hluhluwe Bushlands Camp. (Port Shepstone Lodge).

Mr. Trevor Ponquett the son of the late Worshipful Brother J.T. Ponquett made a donation of skin and health care products to Kerr House for abused women and children. This is an example of a son following in his father's footsteps.

Brethren, it is extremely gratifying to know the during the recent food disaster the District Grand Master of S.A. North, Right Worshipful Brother C. van Gaalan, and Worshipful Brother Graeme Alexandra of Charles Egan Lodge in the Eastern Cape offered their support to distressed Brethren. Fortunately no serious cases were reported.

Finances

The District finances are sound. The District Grand Lodge is deeply appreciative for the wonderful donation from the Christo Wiid Trust which has been invested the

interest of which will be faithfully applied for District Grand Charity and the Wesley Francis Memorial Education Fund.

In terms of Rule 153 in the Book of Constitutions and a directive dated the 01 March 2022, certain financial information from Lodges was requested. It is the intention of the District Grand Treasurer to assist Lodges in compiling the document and to institute a uniform reporting programme. Particular attention must be given to the signatories and bank statements for current account verification. Present current account for stated Lodges is R1 898 136 and investments R4 444 137.

Furthermore, the Master and the Treasurer must make themselves familiar with Rule 153 of the Book of Constitutions appertaining to Treasurers duties and Lodge accounts.

Within the Book of Constitutions from the United Grand Lodge of England there is a section marked "Private" which refers to the Lodges and not interpreted as a Private Lodges. The United Grand Lodge empowers the District Grand Master to ensure compliance and implementation of the Rules and can communicate with the Lodges as to non-compliance or for any other request.

On a more sensitive issue, it has come to my attention that certain Lodges have been giving loans to Brethren.

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There is no Rule within the Book of Constitutions under private lodges that permits loans. We are not a cash loan society. The District Grand Treasurer and myself recommend that this practice ceases. Furthermore, have such loans been included within the financials. Should a Brother require assistance, an application must be forwarded to the District Grand Secretary or Almoner for onward transmission to the Executive Committee. The value of outstanding loans is approximately R45000.00. On a similar note, the value of money outstanding to the District Grand Lodge due the non-payment of rentals and utilities from Brethren occupying Masonic Cottages is in excess of R28 000.00. This is an unacceptable situation which is being investigated.

Degree Ceremonies

There exists, and always has existed, that during any degree working there is the unmasonic habit of Brethren in the columns and on the dais 'chirping'. Brethren, those that 'chirp' should volunteer to offer their expertise to improve the Lodges which could culminate in an improved District. The correct procedure is that after the meeting to amicably consult with the Master or Director of Ceremonies appertaining to the query. Only three voices should be heard, that of the Master, Director of Ceremonies and the official prompter.

Ceremonies must be conducted with decorum, sincerity and dignity for it not only enlightens the candidates in the understanding of the Degree but increases the Lodge standards enticing Brethren to become more involved in the Lodge affairs. To quote a passage from the Royal Arch ritual: "see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions and that a due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rights".

The United Grand Lodge of England states there are three degrees in Masonry including the Order of the Holy Royal Arch. We as Craft Masons must evaluate the competency of Brethren within our Lodges and invite the non-Royal Arch to become exalted into this distinguished Order at the prescribed time. Upon presentation of a Brother's Grand Lodge Certificate, an introductory letter is attached highlighting a brief history of the Order and to make contact with his Proposer/Secunder for further information. In the three degrees of Craft Masonry you were instructed in, and led to practice, your duty of love to your fellow-men and in the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch that of love to God. These pinnacles should always be combined. Present ratio of Royal Arch Companions to Craft Brethren is 25% but should be approximately 60%.

Resulting from the Bloemfontein visit and a private conversation with the Pro

Grand Master, the directive from the Rulers is:

1. A Worshipful Brother over the age of 75 years should not be considered for a high office. (i.e. District Warden and upwards);
2. The commencement age for higher rank is 55 years bearing in mind the average age of the District is 64 years;
3. If there is a Brother within the lower ranks, (e.g. Deacon) who is competent and possesses the correct qualities for a higher rank, Warden or upwards, the District Grand Master or Grand Superintendent have the authority to leap frog that Brother. Unfairness will not be entertained;
4. The District Grand Master and the Grand Superintendent office should be one Worshipful Brother or Excellent Companion as opposed to the present two;
5. During the interview of a prospective candidate, should he have a criminal record, the interview form must be submitted to the District Grand Master for recommendation to the Rulers of the United Grand Lodge of England for their approval.

Brethren, once again I will leave you with this thought; that the prosperity of your District and your Lodges depends as much on your support, assistance and obedience as on the assiduity, fidelity and wisdom of the District Grand Lodge Chain Officers and the Master of your Lodge.

RW Bro A Strong

News from the United Grand Lodge of England

Most Worshipful Brother Peter Lowndes announces retirement

In March 2022, Most Worshipful Brother Peter Lowndes announced his retirement from his role as Pro Grand Master and that his successor, Right Worshipful Brother Jonathan Spence, will be installed in September 2022.

Bro Lowndes was initiated into Old Etonian Lodge No. 4500 on the 20th April 1972. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on the 8th June 1972 and was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on the 19th October 1972.

Bro Lowndes served as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1984 until 1987 and was promoted to Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1995 - a role he held for eight years.

In 2004, Bro Lowndes was appointed Deputy Grand Master and held the role until 2009 when he was appointed Pro Grand Master.

When the Grand Master is a member of the Royal Family, he may appoint a Pro Grand Master to be his principal Masonic advisor and to act for him on occasions when, due to Royal engagements, he is unable to be present. Brother Lowndes has performed this role with wisdom, humility and with consummate skill.

Source: www.freemasonrytoday.com



Freemasons celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee with series of special events

On 2 June 2022, the UK celebrated a unique milestone in its history - Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as the country's Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth. The Platinum Jubilee is a feat no previous Monarch has achieved.

The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) was delighted to take part in the platinum jubilee celebration and lit a special Platinum Jubilee beacon on the roof of Freemasons' Hall at 9:45pm on 2 June, as part of a national celebration.

Earlier that day, at 2:00pm, Town Criers were invited to undertake the proclamation announcing the lighting of the beacons later that evening.

As part of the programme of celebration, the UGLE was also a key corporate sponsor of the official Platinum Jubilee Pageant commemorative album. The album includes four pages on Freemasonry and its strong connection to royalty. It was printed as a limited-edition publication and presented as a gift to all VIP and senior guests during the pageant.



Ian Chandler, Chair of the UGLE's Communications and Marketing Working Party, said:

"It was a great honour to take part in the Platinum Jubilee. Freemasonry has always had a strong relationship with the Royal Family."

"We are delighted that our members and communities were excited about taking part, and was great seeing them getting involved, showing the nation just how proud we are of Her Majesty The Queen."

Source: www.ugle.org.uk

The Origins of Craft Freemasonry

[Part 1]

RW Bro Anthony Strong, DGM (KwaZulu-Natal)

The question has often been asked when, how and where did Freemasonry originate and to this day, the subject is still receiving intense investigation. The widely accepted view from many historians is that it originally originated from the medieval stonemasons that built many of the castles and cathedrals.

Consider this, from the day of origin to the present date:

► **1646.** Elias Ashmole wrote about an initiation which is the first recorded evidence in English speculative masonry not withstanding the fact that those present and listed would have been initiated much earlier;

► **1660.** More evidence of the community becoming Freemasons and holding gatherings;

► **1717.** Four Lodges amalgamated at the Goose and Gridiron Tavern (pictured right) and declared themselves the Grand Lodge or Premium Grand Lodge;

► **1723.** Grand Lodge published first year book or Book of Constitution (pictured top right);

► **1725.** Formation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland;

► **1736.** Formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland;

► **1751.** Formation of the Ancient Grand Lodge;

► **1775.** Development of United Grand Lodge of England in Great Queen Street;

► **1813.** The three Grand Lodges united after 63 years to form the United Grand Lodge as per today;

► **1814.** Six Hundred and forty seven Lodges in existence;

► **1900.** Under the United Grand Lodge of England existed 2800 Lodges;

► **1927.** Between the years 1927/1937 there were 3000 Brethren within the First world war;

► **1967.** The 250th Anniversary of Grand Lodge celebrated on the 27th June 1967 in the Royal Albert Hall including the Installation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. Celebrates 55 years;

► **1992.** The 275th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge which was televised

across the world;

► **2017.** Tercentenary of the United Grand Lodge. KwaZulu-Natal celebrated this occasion at NMR;

► **2022.** Membership of 17500 within England, Wales and District overseas which stretches across 7000 Lodges. Membership in the District of KwaZulu Natal is 302 from 22 Lodges whilst South Africa North District has 2500 Brethren. There are 87 University Schemes/Lodges worldwide, two of which are under South Africa North.

Purpose of Freemasonry

The purpose of Freemasonry is to create free and moral people. As a Freemason, the ultimate goal is to develop from a better to a great person, to form and strengthen one's personality, cultivate morality and spirituality and to expand on one's horizon. Freemasonry works with Rituals, Symbols and Myths. Through the above we learn to be rational, to develop one's inauguration, thinking, love towards thy fellow man, become more spiritual, to years for continuous improvement and apply all these learnt attributes to society.



The Origins of Craft Freemasonry [Part 1]

Masonry cultivates the principle of responsibility, morality which encourages the Freemason to follow and apply the everyday rule the life lessons you learn during the ritual.

The duty of a Mason is to regularly participate in the meetings of one's Lodge, except in exceptional cases which prevent one from being present due to employment commitments, health and family. Participation at the meetings is not a commitment drawn by the regulations. A real Brother convened sees that as a great privilege and as an opportunity to learn new things.



The chance to see the other Brother and for himself to go further with the teachings and masonic traditions. This work is hard, demands sacrifices and involves taking responsibility by every member of the Order. We can say that at the present time our aim is not fully achieved but by the grace of the GAOTU we can create a better world based on these Masonic principles.

Masonic Degrees and interviews

As per the United Grand Lodge of England there are three degrees in Freemasonry. They are the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and the Master Mason including the Order of the Holy Royal Arch. There is a belief the Mark Master Mason Degree should follow the Master Mason. Debatable.

The interviewing of a Candidate for Freemasonry must comply with the interview document obtained from the District Grand Secretary. Particular reference must be given to whether there are any criminal charges, is so, to be further investigated. An interview must be conducted in a conducive atmosphere, temple board room, and

not in a bar or restaurant. A second interview must be convened within the candidate's home in the presence of the wife. The financial implications, meeting schedule plus the possible introduction to future orders must be clearly defined. The dropout rate of Initiates is 20% in 3 years as per United Grand Lodge of England whereas the District 4 in every 10.

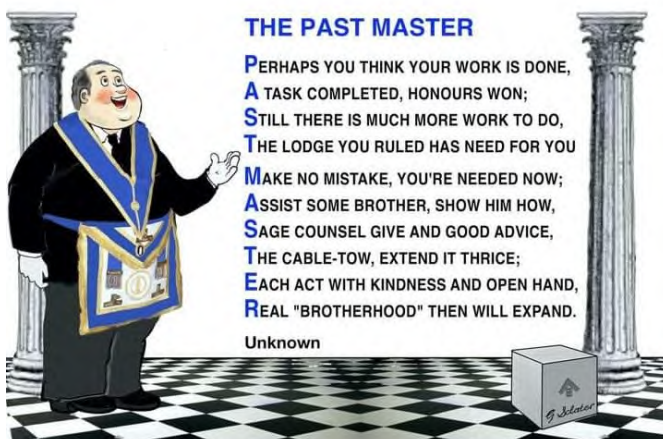
When a candidate is initiated into Freemasonry they complete the First Degree where upon they become an Entered Apprentice. The ceremony reminds us that all are equal and the responsibility of those that do well to look after the less fortunate.

After a period of approximately six months the candidate is passed to the Second Degree to become a Fellow Craft. This encourages members to better themselves through education and focus on self-development.

Following on from another six month period the candidate is raised to the Third Degree or Master Mason. The ceremony teaches them how to use one's life wisely and to be remembered for the right reasons.

The journey from Master Mason to Worshipful Master is a period of self-motivation, dedication and participation in a progressive sequence through the various offices. This period could be anything from seven to ten years all depending on Lodge membership. Volunteering to understand the ritual by participating in the Degree ceremonies will eventually lead advancement within the District Grand Lodge. Promotion through the various offices is not automatic but in accordance to merit and ability. Should a Brother not perform there is no Rule or reason why another Brother cannot claim advancement.

[To be continued]



THE PAST MASTER

PERHAPS YOU THINK YOUR WORK IS DONE,
A TASK COMPLETED, HONOURS WON;
STILL THERE IS MUCH MORE WORK TO DO,
THE LODGE YOU RULED HAS NEED FOR YOU
MAKE NO MISTAKE, YOU'RE NEEDED NOW;
ASSIST SOME BROTHER, SHOW HIM HOW,
SAGE COUNSEL GIVE AND GOOD ADVICE,
THE CABLE-TOW, EXTEND IT THRICE;
EACH ACT WITH KINDNESS AND OPEN HAND,
REAL "BROTHERHOOD" THEN WILL EXPAND.

Unknown

Lodge News

Duguza Lodge № 2461 EC

Duguza Lodge was consecrated in 1893 in the centre of Stanger but is now in the town of Umhlali on the KZN North Coast. Originally built in 1932, it was the town hall for the local farmers and was called Victoria County Farmer's Hall. After it burnt down in the 1990s, when it was used as the Shell hole for the local Moths, it was purchased by Duguza Lodge and rebuilt as a Masonic Lodge in early 2004.

The original cornerstone from the old Temple in Stanger was removed and placed at the north-east corner of the new Temple.

The 2nd phase of renovations started about 8 years ago as the members were able to raise much-needed funds for the project. However, it was only fully completed in 2021 after a generous donation was received from a deceased estate.

Today, this beautiful building with two temples accommodates the Craft, Holy Royal Arch, Mark Masons, Royal Ark Mariner, Knights Templar & Malta, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal and Select Masters and the Ancient and Accepted Rite (18th). It also serves as the home of the Natal DGL of Mark Master Masons.



Port Shepstone Lodge № 3470 EC

On Saturday 13 August, 2022, which turned out to be quite a busy day for Alan Bergin as he was installed as First Principle of Southern Natal Chapter № 3470 and, afterwards, as Master of Port Shepstone Lodge № 3470. ExComp Bergin's installation into the MEZ Chair was his first, but the third time round in a third different Lodge, into the Chair of King Solomon. In 2010, WBro Bergin was installed as the Master of Tenerife Lodge № 117 of the Grand Lodge of Spain and, in 2016, became the Master of St Francis Lodge № 3086 in Humansdorp.

As District Grand Organist for the District of KwaZulu-Natal, it was very fitting that a special cake was made, depicting a keyboard, for the occasion.

There was a very good turnout of brethren at both installations including District Grand officers as well as what is possibly the youngest ever Master-Elect, Bro James Lidderd Jr (23) of Jeffreys Bay Lodge № 145 GLSA (which was reciprocated a week later when WBro Bergin attended Bro Lidderd's installation).

Our Conduct as Masons

WBro Ian Pace, ADGM

Much has been said in the Emulation ritual, or any other Craft ritual, that we use month in and month out, about our conduct in our public and private lives. An extract from the presentation of the Working Tools states that “.....our words and actions are recorded by the Almighty Architect to whom we must give an account of our conduct through life” and there are a number of other references to the behaviour expected of us as Masons.

A publication from the United Grand Lodge of England entitled **MASONIC CONDUCT - A GUIDE TO INVESTIGATIONS** (1996) has as its first section the following title: **MASONIC STANDARDS - DUTIES OF FREEMASONS AND MASONIC AUTHORITIES**. A short extract from this document says this:

Respect for Freemasonry, and the perception of Freemasons by the public at large, depends to a greater extent on the maintenance of high standards by all Brethren in both their public and private lives.

It is the responsibility of every Freemason at all times to uphold the dignity and high standing of the Craft. Any failure to maintain high personal standards may reflect adversely upon Freemasonry's standing in the eyes of the public at large.

As a citizen every Freemason has a duty to comply with the law of the land. As a Freemason he has the additional duty of not engaging in activities which may bring Freemasonry into disrepute or reflect adversely upon it.

This does not mean that we must stop having fun with our Freemasonry – it means that we must not just “talk the talk”, but also “walk the walk”. It is vital that we are aware of what we are doing and saying out there in the public domain.

As we all know, Freemasonry has its detractors amongst the closed minds of the gullible and unenlightened who are not Masons. They exhibit a certain ‘schadenfreude’ when one of us steps out of line in a noticeable way – grist for their mill, of course.

This brings me to an incident which happened in front of me some years ago, which has never left my memory.

After an evening at the Scottish Lodge at Hunt Rd., Glenwood, Durban I left the Lodge and drove to the intersection of Berea and Hunt Road to turn left and make my way home. Although it was a little late (10pm-ish), there was a young African boy begging at the traffic light, as they do, but in this case he was literally on his knees – quite a dangerous thing to do when not only having a dark skin, but also wearing dark clothes on a relatively moonless night. He was kneeling next to the car in front of me which had a number of Masons as passengers (they had driven out of the Hunt Road facility in front of me). The driver of this vehicle then deliberately threw open the driver's door in a violent manner which resulted in knocking this begging child backwards. I did not see this as an accident – there could have been no other reason for the driver to open the door, close it and drive off.

To say that I was horrified is an understatement. Had another vehicle come from the opposite direction at that precise moment, that child would have been killed. As if this behaviour itself was not disgraceful enough, this vehicle had a very visible square and compasses decal on the boot to profess to the world that the owner of the car was a Freemason. Seriously ????

I have often thought what action I would have taken had this child been seriously injured or killed by an oncoming vehicle. There is no doubt that I would have chased the car, noted the registration number and reported the matter to the law thereby ensuring that the perpetrator face the full might of the law for this disgraceful behaviour. Would I have swept it under the carpet because he was a brother Freemason? Absolutely not. In fact, I very much regret not making a note of the vehicle's registration number to bring the incident to the attention of his District Grand Master. I sincerely hope that I never see the like of this behaviour again.

In closing, whilst we can become frustrated by seeking perfection in an imperfect world, we must at least strive for such perfection even if we know that it is unattainable this side of the grave. Remember that we are under constant scrutiny so please be careful never to disgrace your Craft!

The Masonic Charity Golf Day

The Annual Masonic Charity Golf Day, held at Mt Edgecombe Country Club recently, was an astounding success, raising R140 000 which was donated to two non-profit organisations: **Kerr House** in Windermere, a safe house for destitute and abused women, received R100 000 and the balance was donated to the **International Red Cross** to assist Ukrainian civilians who have been displaced by the war. Speaking to Northglen News, Assistant District Grand Master, Ian Pace said the Freemasons is a brotherhood organisation that aims to make the world a better place for the less fortunate. "Some of us are very fortunate; we have what we need. An organisation such as the Freemasons exists to help those who are less fortunate," he said.

This is the organisation's first huge fundraising initiative for the year, however, there have been more drives, such as a blanket donation. "We, as Masons, don't hold anything back for admin or salaries. Everything is done on a voluntary basis so whatever was raised from the golf day went to both the beneficiaries," he said.

Pace added that initially, the golf day was going to be held at the Durban Country Club earlier in the year, however, the April floods did not allow for it.

"The course was damaged so we had to postpone the event. Then it rained again, giving the course no chance to recover.

Alternative arrangements were made to move the event to the Mt Edgecombe Country Club, who were very welcoming and accommodating," he said.

A total of 124 golfers came forward to play, and those who could not play, donated prizes and cash.

"There were 25 sponsors, in total, who made this event a success, and we'd like to thank them all for their involvement," said Pace.

He said the Covid-19 pandemic has given people a new perspective on life, and it was great to see the compassion between communities.

The Masons are now gearing up for the festive season where various Christmas parties will be held for underprivileged children throughout the province.



Father Dane Elsworth & ADGM WBro Ian Pace



Riding Dapper For A Cause

Bro Lee White

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia, by Mark Hawwa. It was inspired by a photo of TV Show Mad Men's Don Draper astride a classic bike and wearing his finest suit. Hawwa decided a themed ride would be a great way of connecting niche motorcycle enthusiasts and communities while raising funds to support the men in our lives.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was started in 2012 and has achieved raising 31.6 Million Dollars from 340 000 riders in 115 countries around the world.

WBro Gary Baney from Duguza Lodge, as President of the Widows Sons was asked by the organisers of the 2022 Dapper Gentleman's Ride to volunteer his members as marshalls to help with the ride to ensure the safety of the ride which was from Durban Country Club via Sibaya Casino up until the endpoint which was at Mozambik Ballito .As usual WBro. Baney said yes, roped in the team and Bro. Brett Michielin who owns the Mozmbik franchise and they started raising money for this very worthy cause.

A lot of fun was had on the day with 155 riders and pillions all making their way up the M4 and



the N2 being marshalled in the front, sides and rear by the widows sons. WBro Ian Pace was also roped in as a passenger to come and support this cause. WBro Caloba also brought his Vespa Club and sponsored a prize at the prize giving.

Our Masons distinguished themselves again by taking 40th place out of 115 countries world wide , with 2 of our masons coming first and third in South Africa out of 1132 riders.

The total amount raised by the riders in Durban was R140 000.00 with the widows sons being responsible for R85000.00 of that. Bro. Brett Michielin from Duguza Lodge opened up his restaurant and sponsored an extra 35000.00 through auctions and sponsorships. Nationwide, 2 of our Durban riders took first and 3rd place for the most funds raised with the top 3 in Durban being also being from Duguza Lodge.



The Lodge Where I Belong

Though my lodge may lack the splendor
Of a Temple or a Shrine,
Or possess the gaudy fixtures
that are classed as superfine,

Yet the fellowship it offers
is in a price beyond compare.
And I wouldn't trade it ever
for life's treasures rich or bare!

The handclasp firm, the word of cheer,
Oh, such meanings they impart,
The mystic ties of brotherhood
that links us heart to heart!

You'd really have to travel far,
For the friendships quite so strong,
As those one always find right here
In the Lodge where I belong.

When all my earthly travels end,
And at last I'm borne to rest
Where mortal hands no longer toil
and I cease life's endless quest

Why there's nothing I'd like better,
should I join the heavenly throng,
than to meet with all the Brothers
of the Lodge Where I Belong.

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Red Cross of Constantine	
Nights Templar/Malta	
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Dressed to Kilt: WBro Mark Potter won the Best Dressed category in the recent "The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride and rode the whole way in his traditional Scottish attire. Lang may yer lum reek!