



249TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

The 249th Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Kwazulu-Natal was held on **Saturday, 14 June 2025** to a full house at the Hayfields Masonic Centre in Pietermaritzburg.

The welcoming of the representatives of Sister Constitutions, other English Districts and the District Grand Master with his entourage in the Lodge Room was greeted with the usual pomp and circumstance.

After the Roll of active District Grand Officers was called, the Roll of the District's Lodges was called and the Lodges were well represented. The display of Lodge banners added to a colourful event. The normal District Grand business was conducted and the DGM thanked the Brethren of the various Committees for their hard work and perseverance during the year.

Appointment of Deputy District Grand Master

A highlight of the Communication was the appointment and investiture of **WBro Anto-**



The DGM has entered the building!
RW Bro RF Moxham & DG Sword Bearer,
WBro Mark Louch

nio da Conceicao Caloba as Deputy District Grand Master by the DGM. The ceremony of investiture was spectacular as the Deputy District Grand Master Designate accompanied by five escorts entered the Lodge.

The Patent was read by the District Grand Secretary after which the Deputy District Grand Master designate read his obligation. WBro Caloba was invested with his Chain

of Office and placed in the DDGM's chair.

The Brethren in attendance were called to order as the new Deputy District Grand Master was greeted with five Royal Salutes.

Appointment of District Grand Officers

The DGM re-appointed a number of Brethren and appointed 14 new District Grand officers. WBro's S Jacobs and G Thompson were appointed to PDSGW and WBro G Lava-rack to PDGSwdB.

The members of the Executive and Management Committees were read out as well as the Chairpersons of the Finance, Benevolence, Charity and Property committees. The DGM presented WBro Jack Kalil a certificate for his eight years services as District Grand Charity Steward. The meeting was followed by a superb Festive Board with members of the Connaught Club lending a helping hand with serving and clearing. Another successful and memorable Annual Communication done and dusted.

**DISTRICT GRAND OFFICERS
2025/26**

District Grand Master

RW Bro RF Moxham

Deputy District Grand Master

WBro ADC Caloba

Asst District Grand Master

WBro EJ Pascoe

Asst District Grand Master

WBro ML Potter

Senior Warden

WBro SE Marucchi-Benedit

Junior Warden

WBro J Buyers

Chaplain

WBro TM Smith

Registrar

WBro P Barnard

President of the Board

WBro RT Potter

Treasurer

WBro J Howard

Secretary

WBro JPHM Macquet

Director of Ceremonies

WBro O Fourie

Sword Bearer

WBro M Louch

Superintendent of Works

WBro W Bull

Dep Director of Ceremonies

WBro D Robertson

Dep Director of Ceremonies

WBro R Duke

Almoner

WBro JPHM Macquet

Charity Steward

WBro C Engelbrecht

District Membership (Mentor)

Bro G Ockerse

Communication Officer

WBro MC van der Hammen

Senior Deacon

WBro CJ Gosling

Junior Deacon

WBro T Kunene

Asst Director of Ceremonies

WBro G Scheepers

Asst Director of Ceremonies

WBro W Summerlee

Standard Bearers

WBro C Robert

WBro P Newmarch



WBro ADC Caloba is congratulated on his appointment As DDGM of the DGL KZN by RW Bro PJF Louw, DGM of SA Central



WBro ADC Caloba; DDGM, WBro JPHM Macquet, DG Secretary & Almoner & WBro EJ Pascoe, ADGM

Organist

WBro A Bergin

Pursuivant

WBro L Lawler

Stewards

WBro B Barthorpe & J Geysler

Tyler

WBro B Dicks



IN MEMORIAM

WBro PAJ (Pete) Griffith

(Umkomaas Lodge)

WBro DN (Paddy) Roberts (Ikwezi

Lodge)

WBro RC Acutt (Umvoti Lodge)

WBro DK Palavar (Empangeni

Lodge)

WBro Leon Wagner (Amanzimtoti

Lodge)

WBro DRH (Don) Sparks (Southern

Cross Lodge)

WBro AG Engelbrecht (Newcastle

Lodge)

WBro WA (Bill) Ramsden (Port

Natal Lodge)

WBro Kevin Mahoney (Natalia

Prince Alfred)

WBro SB Haeber (Biggarsberg Unity

Lodge)

WBro James Dow (Athenaeum

Lodge of Research)

WBro Jan van de Waal (Port Natal

Lodge)

KZN FREEMASONRY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM

The platform has been up and running for two months and we are excited to keep showcasing the great work happening across our Lodges and District.

To help us stay informed and share your Lodge's social and charity events, you are welcome to send a brief write-up along with a few photos.

All material will be passed on to the social media team which will feature same on all our official platforms.

Thank you for helping us highlight the incredible impact our Lodges are making in the community!

If you have any questions or require assistance with submissions, feel free to contact WBro Mark Potter, ADGM, directly on **083 459 7799**.





133RD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHAP- TER OF KWAZULU-NATAL

The 133rd Annual Convocation of the District Grand Chapter of KwaZulu-Natal was held at the Hayfields Masonic Centre in Pietermaritzburg on Saturday, 14th of June 2025 which saw an incredible turnout of Companions from the various Chapters in the District. The Grand Superintendent welcomed the distinguished visitors in attendance, among them, ME Comp PJF Louw, Grand Superintendent of SA Central with his Deputy, E Comp H Marais.

In his address to the Companions, the Grand Superintendent stated that he has been truly impressed by the enthusiasm shown by Companions during his visits to various Chapters in the District the past year. “Your efforts to provide meaningful and memorable ceremonies of Exaltation are commendable, as are the Principals’ dedication to installing their successors with aplomb”, the Grand Superintendent remarked. “The adoption of the Aldersgate



Charismatic leader: ME Comp Wayne Norman Johnston taking time to greet Companions present at the Convocation

Ritual by many Chapters further highlights the commitment and diligence of our Companions in supporting their Chapters and the District at large”.

The Grand Superintendent congratulated **E Comp RF Moxham**, PDG Scribe N on receiving his Grand Chapter honours as P Asst Grand Soj. He also congratulated **E Comp ADC Caloba on his appointment** as District Grand Scribe N and **E Comp IA Pace** on his promotion to PDG Scribe N.

The Grand Superintendent stated that the Chairman of the Board, E Companion FCA Roodt had convened regular meetings where all matters presented before the Board had been addressed. “Membership issues are continually discussed and our finances require some work and clarification. These efforts ensure that the District’s operations are managed effectively and can be sustained for our benefit and enjoyment”, the Grand Superintendent remarked.

In respect of membership, the Grand Superintendent stated that the District has 107 members, a decrease of 6 members from last year, bringing the membership to 36.22% of the Craft.

Southern Natal gained 4 new members and Addington added 1 new member. Alexandra County Chapter lost 3 members, one due to resignation and two called to Higher Service.

“Our objective is to achieve above 50% Royal Arch representation within the Craft. The new initiative by the Supreme Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge to include membership at the initiation stage is expected to support this goal”, the Grand Superintendent stated.

The Grand Superintendent reiterated that Royal Arch may not be an easily understandable Order for some. It is, therefore, essential to utilize Solomon for educational purposes when there is no exaltation or demonstration planned.

“Enhancing the companions' understanding of the Royal Arch ceremony will allow them to better appreciate it”, the Grand Superintendent remarked.

After the Grand Chapter was closed, the Grand Superintendent and his Principals presented each Companion and visitor present with a commemorative coin which was especially made for the day. At the Festive Board, the Grand Superintendent presented a short description of the coin.

The obverse of the coin depicts a Triangle with the letters “Z”, “H” and “J” ; the



coat of arms of the District Grand Chapter of KwaZulu-Natal and Hebrew characters representing Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff.



The reverse of the coin has the engraving within the two circles of the Latin saying ‘*Deo Regi Fratribus Honor Fidelitas Benevolentia*’. The inscription is in the form of a double Latin Triad whereby the first word is paired with the fourth word; the second word is paired with the fifth word; and the third word paired with the sixth word, thus:

Deo Honor (To God, Honour), Regi Fidelitas (To the King, Fidelity)

Fratribus Benevolentia (To the Brethren, Love).



The inscriptions contained in the interlaced triangles, starting with the upper triangle, are the words ‘*Concord, Peace and Truth*’. One could think of them as ‘*brotherly love, relief, and truth*’, the three Grand Principles on which Freemasonry is founded.



In the lower triangle, the words ‘*Wisdom, Strength and Beauty*’ are engraved, reinforcing the image of a Lodge supported by three great pillars: *ionic, Doric and Corinthian*, representing *Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty*; the Wisdom of King Solomon, the Strength of Hiram King of Tyre and the Beautifying touch of Hiram Abiff. ‘*Wisdom to conduct us in all our undertakings, Strength to support us in all our difficulties, and Beauty to adorn the inward man*’.

The first thought occurring to me on being asked to organise another Masonic Charity Golf Day is that I want and need a team of willing helpers to get the job done. The date was booked at Mount Edgecombe Country Club for 14 March 2025 and the

the practice putting green and the registration area also sold. We had a target income of R72 000 and ended on 101.39% of target.

We needed thirty four-balls to fill the time slots allocated to us, and had an income target of R90 000 and ended on 104.17%.

at Drakensberg Gardens, Bro Graham Ellis of Duguza Lodge donated a split unit air conditioner, and a Defy Combi Fridge / Freezer was donated by another Brother whose wish for anonymity is respected. The raffle raised R25 150 being a little short of the R40 000 target, but with additional do-



Teeing off in aid of Charity **MASONIC CHARITY GOLF DAY**

WBro Ian Pace

die was cast. W Bros Potter and Potter, Bradbury, Muhlenbeck, Fourie and Engelbrecht, and Bros Field, Porteous, Arumugam and Ellis all put up their hands to help and we were off to a good start. At this point I sincerely thank all of them for their invaluable assistance, well done Brethren !! Each green and each tee were sold as advertising sites for R2 000 each, with

Raffle prizes were kindly donated by Gooderson Leisure Corporation for a stay

nations by members of the public and Brethren alike, and interest earned on the



1ST MASONIC "POP-UP" EVENT

Bro (Dr) Donovan Andrews

On June 21, 2025, a delegation of Freemasons, led by our ADGM WBro Mark Potter hosted a pop-up event at the Shongweni Farmers' Market.

The delegation engaged with the public, distributing pamphlets and answering questions about Freemasonry in an informal meet-and-greet session. These questions varied from the tongue-in-cheek "what do we do with the goat?" to the more serious "do you control the Reserve Bank?". The event was well received with many members of the public inquiring about Freemasonry.

A notable moment occurred when a gentleman approached WBro Potter and handed him a Masonic pin that he had been carrying in his wallet for years. He had been waiting for the opportunity to hand the pin over to a bona fide Freemason.

The pop-up event was deemed a success with everyone in attendance having had an enjoyable time.

Future events are planned for various markets across KwaZulu-Natal where the delegation will continue to share information, answer questions about Freemasonry and hand out literature in the form of pamphlets.

In conjunction with a solid social media strategy (website, Facebook and Instagram) it is hoped that Freemasonry will grow in KZN and become a normalised part in society.



COMRADES MARSHALLING

2025

WBro Ockert Fourie



What a Day! There's something about the Comrades Marathon that just brings people together, and this year's marshelling effort at Cato Ridge on **Sunday, 8 June 2025** was no exception.

It all kicked off at the crack of dawn. Our team of enthusiastic volunteers started arriving from **04:00** on what was a crisp, chilly morning, and let's be honest, it was cold enough to make a Durbanite consider going back to bed!. However, spirits were high and soon the area was buzzing with warm chatter and the comforting smell of fresh coffee and breakfast buns doing the rounds.

By **04:30**, we were in action; guiding early morning motorists away from the route

and getting everything ready for the wave of excitement still to come. From around **05:30**, the spectators arrived in full force and the energy just kept building



from there.

We had **26 volunteers** on the ground which included Masons, family and friends alike. Everyone got stuck in, whether it was keeping runners safe, helping spectators stay behind the line or simply offering directions and encouragement. The camaraderie and teamwork was infectious.

As the runners made their way past our marshelling zone, we cheered, clapped,

laughed and soaked in the incredible atmosphere. There's just something about thousands of runners powering past that gives you goosebumps and a big reminder of why we show up year after year.

By around **10:30**, with the last of the runners and the bailer buses having gone by, we gathered for the perfect closing ritual: **boerie rolls and ice-cold refreshment!** There were smiles, selfies, and shared stories of

strange spectator questions, inspiring runners, and even a bit of good-natured traffic control "drama".

Everything was packed up and cleared by **11:15**, and just like

that, it was done. Another successful year. Another memory made. Another reason why we'll definitely be doing it again next year.

To those who were there, thank you for showing up and giving it your all.

To those who were not, don't worry, there's always 2026, but let's just say: **you missed out!**

Here's to next year being bigger, better and even earlier; yes, we said it!

GRAND LODGE VISIT

WBro IA Pace

If it is at all possible, and within financial reach, every Brother should do his best to go to Grand Lodge at least once in his lifetime. The sheer magnificence and aura of the place fills one with awe and inspiration to become the best Mason that one can be. For me to have received Grand Lodge rank has been a privilege indeed, and I am



Freemason's Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London

and New Zealand sitting in front of me.

If you want to see Directors of Ceremony who are at the top of their game Grand Lodge / Freemasons' Hall is the place to be. The MW Pro Grand Master had two hundred hands to shake and it was run with military preci-



The Grand Temple at Freemason's Hall, London



WBro Ian Pace sporting his new Grand Rank regalia

inspired to continue in my endeavours to adhere to tenets and principles of the Craft in the best way that I see fit.

The Grand Temple holds approximately one thousand eight hundred men and, with the perfect acoustics of the room, to be singing the

beautiful hymn "Abide with Me", "God save the King" or a simple "So mote it be" gave me gooseflesh. There were Brethren from all over the world, and those in the seats to the left and right of me were from Essex (not far from London) and Nigeria, with Brethren from Ghana

sion. Instructions about where to stand, what to say, what not to say etc. are given to which they are to be adhered to the very letter. The entire Ceremony of Investiture ceremony took two hours exactly after which we adjourned for libation. It was a day that I shall never forget as being very special.



A Club for new Masons **THE CONNAUGHT CLUB**



Bro Gerrit Ockerse

The principle of the Connaught Club originated in 2011 after a visit from a London Connaught Club member to KwaZulu-Natal. This is a masonic group for new masons to meet and interact with other new Masons, their families and friends.

The KZN Connaught Club was founded to give new Freemasons in KwaZulu-Natal an opportunity to meet and socialise, with like-minded people of similar ages, within Freemasonry, whilst bridging the large geographic area and diversity of the many Lodges in KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa.

The Club's core mission is to provide a welcoming and relaxed space where newer Brethren can freely ask questions, gain deeper insights into the Craft and actively engage with fellow members. Through mentorship, shared experiences and meaningful dialogue, the Club nurtures the growth of emerging Masons

and strengthens our collective journey.

Aside from social functions, the Club acts as a representative body for the views of the younger generation of Freemasons. These views and further suggestions from Brethren within the Club are then referred to District Grand Lodge through the appropriate channels.



Since its inception, the Connaught Club has played a vital role in supporting the **Annual Communication & Convocation Festive Board** and this year was no exception. It was a heartwarming display of fraternal service, with our representatives contributing in a truly meaningful way. A special acknowledgment must go to

Bro Francois Stopforth whose culinary talents brought exceptional food to the occasion, enriching the experience for all.

Additionally, a very special thanks to Brother Brandon Pascoe, whose dedication—alongside his team—has been unwavering for the third consecutive year. His continued commitment exemplifies the very essence

of living the Masonic way of life, reinforcing the values of service, brotherhood, and leadership.

The current Connaught Club Committee comprises Bro Gerrit Ockerse (President), Bro Craig Engelbrecht (Vice-President), Bro Francois Stopforth, Bro (Dr) Donavan Andrews, Bro Graham Ellis and Bro Matthew Clinton.

KNOW YOUR BROTHER



The “Know-your-Brother” series is back! In every issue, Square Talk will feature one of our younger Brethren in the District. Getting to know our younger brethren allows our fraternity to better understand their needs and interests, fostering a more cohesive and engaged community. A strong sense of community encourages brethren to actively participate in events, discussions and initiatives. So, let’s get to know our Brother,

Bro (Dr) Donovan Mark Andrews, Master Mason

ST: Where were you born and which schools did you attend?

DON: I was born in the vibrant city of Cape Town, South Africa, a place that instilled in me a deep appreciation for diversity and resilience. My educational journey began at CBC St. Columba, where I was honoured as a prefect in 1993, learning early the value of leadership and service. This foundation was supported by a brief membership to the Cub Scouts and led me to the prestigious University of Cape Town, where I earned my MBChB in 1998, a milestone that ignited my lifelong passion for healing and serving others.

ST: What's a pivotal moment from your childhood that shaped who you are today?

DON: Growing up in Cape Town, a pivotal moment was



Bro Donovan Andrews, the Mason

receiving the Yvonne Parfitt Bursaries Trust in 1993 to pursue my medical studies. This opportunity wasn’t just financial support; it was a beacon of hope, showing me that dedication and community support could transform dreams into reali-

ty. It instilled in me a commitment to give back, a principle that continues to guide my work in medicine and Freemasonry.

ST: What are you passionate about?

DON: I am deeply passionate about healing, both physical and emotional. As a medical officer and head of clinical forensic services at Dr. Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Memorial Hospital and before that Karl Bremer hospital in Cape Town, I advocate for survivors of sexual offenses, ensuring they are treated with dignity and justice. My work in establishing rape crisis centers, like the one at Karl Bremer Hospital, reflects my commitment to compassion and empowerment. Beyond medicine, my faith and music fuel my soul. I lead praise and worship at my local church, playing the guitar and singing to uplift others.

ST: What are your favourite ways to relax and unwind?

DON: After a demanding day, I find solace in playing with my son and daughter. It's the simple things in life, like my insatiable appetite for reading, that puts things in perspective.

The rhythm of music, strumming my guitar, and leading worship at my church where I connect with others through song also give some much needed recharge time.

Weightlifting and bodybuilding, a passion sparked after a motorcycle accident seven years ago, offers me physical and mental renewal. I also immerse myself in the digital world, exploring computers and the internet, which keep my mind sharp and curious.

ST: Do you enjoy traveling?

DON: My journey in life has been more about serving than sightseeing, but my work has taken me across South Africa, from the rural landscapes of Sulenkama in the Eastern Cape, where I performed life-saving surgeries during my community

service, to the bustling cities of Cape Town and Durban.

Each place has enriched my understanding of humanity, teaching me to find beauty in service wherever I go.

As a Messianic Jew, I have also spent time in Israel

and advocacy for survivors.

As I come from a family of attorneys and one Judge, I became acutely aware that the most influential people in history, often had Law degrees. I envision expand-

ing clinical forensic services across South Africa, ensuring every survivor receives care and respect.

As a Mason, I aim to inspire my brothers to live by our principles of integrity and brotherhood, fostering communities where hope thrives.

ST: What do you think makes a good friend?

DON: A good friend embodies the Masonic values of loyalty, empathy and integrity.

They listen with an open heart, stand by you in adversity, and celebrate your successes.

My years managing forensic services taught me that true friendship is like the care I provide to survivors, built on trust, respect, and a commitment to uplifting one another.



Dr Donovan Andrews, the medical professional

which really gave me a proper perspective of the conflict there and the struggle and stigma of being a Jew.

ST: What are your biggest dreams and goals?

DON: My greatest dream is to leave a legacy of compassion and justice. I'm currently pursuing a degree in Law with UNISA to deepen my impact in forensic medi-

ST: What do you think is most important in life?

DON: To me, the most important thing in life is service, using your gifts to make a difference. Whether it's performing a life-saving procedure, advocating for a survivor in court or leading a hymn to inspire faith, every act of service ripples outward, creating a better world. Freemasonry reinforces this, reminding me to live purposefully and honourably.

ST: What is your biggest pet peeve?

DON: Injustice! Especially when it silences the vulnerable. This stirs my soul. As a forensic examiner who has supported over 5,000 sexual offense survivors, I've seen the pain caused by neglect or indifference. It drives me to work tirelessly to ensure every voice is heard and every person is treated with dignity.

ST: What makes you feel most confident?

DON: I feel most confident when I'm making a tangible difference—whether it's reducing a fracture, testifying as an expert witness, or training doctors and nurses in sexual offense management. My certifications include a membership in the Royal Colleges

of Medicine in the UK, along with my role as an affiliate lecturer at the University of the Free State. These empower me to lead with knowledge and compassion.

ST: What is your favourite way to express yourself?

DON: Music is my voice. Leading praise and worship, with my guitar in hand, allows me to express joy, faith, and

knowing my words could shape justice for survivors. Establishing rape crisis centers, like the one at Karl Bremer Hospital, was another challenge, navigating logistics and bureaucracy to create safe spaces. Yet, these moments of fear became triumphs, reinforcing my belief that courage grows when you serve a greater purpose.



Our own "Patch Adams"? "This is the hat I wear when I examine abused children"
- Bro (Dr) Donovan Andrews

hope. It's a universal language that connects hearts, much like my work in medicine and Freemasonry connects communities through care and brotherhood.

ST: What are some things you've done that really intimidated you?

DON: Testifying in court as an expert witness for sexual offense cases was daunting,

ST: How did you first learn about Freemasonry?

DON: Through colleagues who embodied its principles of integrity and service. Their dedication to personal growth and community upliftment intrigued me, resonating with my own values as a doctor and GBV advocate. It felt like a natural extension of my calling to serve.

ST: What motivated you to join?

DON: I was drawn to Freemasonry's commitment to brotherhood, truth, and moral growth. As someone who has spent decades serving vulnerable populations, I saw in Freemasonry a community that could amplify my impact. The chance to connect with like-minded men dedicated to making a difference inspired me to join and live by its timeless principles.

ST: What was your experience like going through the degrees?

DON: My journey through the Masonic degrees was transformative, a profound rite of passage that deepened my understanding of myself and my purpose. Each degree unveiled new layers of wisdom, challenging me to reflect on my values and commitments. It was like performing a complex surgery, daunting yet exhilarating, with each step revealing the beauty of our craft.

ST: Have you held any specific roles or offices in the lodge?

DON: While my medical and forensic duties keep me grounded in service, I've embraced roles in my lodge that allow me to contribute to our shared mission. I've

served in capacities that support our rituals and community outreach, drawing on my leadership experience from managing forensic departments and training programs to strengthen our brotherhood.

At present, I am a Senior Deacon and acutely aware



that I still have much to learn.

ST: What has been your most memorable experience in the lodge?

DON: My most memorable moment was a lodge meeting where we united to support a community initiative, mirroring the voluntary counselling program I established at Karl Bremer Hospital. Seeing my brothers come together with purpose and compassion reminded

me of the power of collective action, a Masonic principle that continues to inspire me. Freemasons from all walks of life have to date contributed and continue to contribute to helping the abused women and children I look after in my unit.

ST: What Masonic principles resonate most with you?

DON: The principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth resonate deeply. They echo my work in forensic medicine, where I provide relief to survivors, uphold truth in court, and foster love through community care. These values guide me to be a better doctor, Mason and human.

ST: How has Freemasonry impacted your life outside the lodge?

DON: Freemasonry has sharpened my resolve to live with purpose. It's reinforced my commitment to integrity, whether I'm treating a patient, advocating for a survivor, or mentoring young doctors. The craft has taught me that true leadership is about uplifting others, a lesson I carry into my roles as a doctor, lecturer and Messianic Jew.

NEWS FROM OUR LODGES



The Umkomaas Lodge No. 2990 initiated and welcomed **Bro Marinus Maree** into Freemasonry on **Thursday, 4th of April 2025**. The Ceremony was made even more special for the Candidate by the attendance of our ADGM, **WBro Mark Potter**, **WBro Robbie Whitfield** PDGSB from the UK and **WBro's Derek Egerton** and **Phil Waudby** from Port Shepstone Lodge.

Bro Maree grew up in Johannesburg and also spent much time in the Western Cape.

Bro Maree has always been interested in Freemasonry and was introduced to the Umkomaas Lodge by **WBro Piere Visagie** who is also Bro Maree's Proposer. After meeting with **WBro Visagie** and **WBro Darryll Robertson**, Bro Maree knew that it was now time to become a Freemason. He could wait no longer to become involved and immediately offered his



Front row (l to r): **WBro Derek Egerton**, **WBro Mark Potter (ADGM)**, **Bro Marinus Maree**, **WBro Sergio Marucchi-Benedit (WM)**, **RW Bro Rob Moxham (DGM)** & **WBro Robbie Whitfield (PDGSB)**

Back row (l to r): **WBro Darryll Robertson**, **Bro Paul Putter**, **WBro Peter Tanner**, **WBro Piere Visagie**, **WBro Gerald Justus** & **WBro Phil Waudby**



Above: **Bro Marinus Maree** replying to the toast by his Proposer, **WBro Piere Visagie** (inset)

services to assist the Lodge with charity events. In this regard, he proved himself very handy with a spatula and tongs, when the Lodge was making bacon and egg rolls in aid of charity at an

athletics marathon event held at the Scottburgh Golf Club in December 2024.

Welcome into Freemasonry, Bro Maree!



Skelmersdale Lodge No. 1729

On Father's Day, 16 June 2025, WBro Edric Pascoe, WBro Bushy McKelvey accompanied the newly installed Master of Skelmersdale Lodge, WBro Peter Willson to the Pietermaritzburg Association for the Physically Challenged, to distribute blankets to patients and staff as part of the District Charity's "Blanket Drive".

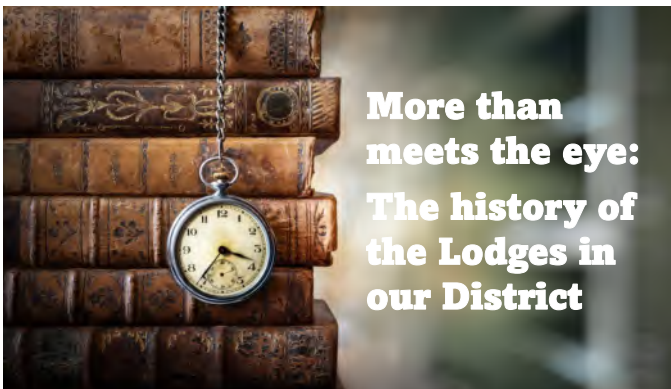
We were very impressed how clean the centre is and how well it is run and maintained.

The blankets were gratefully received with the colder weather upon us all.

A special thanks to WBro Bushy McKelvey for making this visit possible.



FORTHCOMING FEATURE STORIES



**More than
meets the eye:
The history of
the Lodges in
our District**

How much do we know about the origins and development of our Lodges?

The next few editions will feature interesting stories about Lodges in our District. First up: **Duguza Lodge No. 2461.**

If you would like your Lodge to be featured in future editions, you are welcome to submit a story with pictures, if available, via email to mchammen@yahoo.co.uk

Camperdown Peace Lodge No. 4105



Front row (l to r):
RW Bro Graham Grenfell, Bro Mike Pothas (JW), WBro Mike Roberson (WM), Bro Mike Dashper (SW), WBro Dave Cormac (Dir of Ceremonies) & WBro Jockie Clark

Back row (l to r):
Bro Nathan Mouton, WBro Rob Philogene, Bro Terry Martin & WBro Fred Peters

The Installation Meeting of Camperdown Peace Lodge No. 4105 took place on Saturday, **28 June 2025** at 14:30. The Master of the Lodge, WBro Mike Roberson reported that it had been a busy masonic year, not only in the Lodge, but with the various charity initiatives that were organised. One of the main charity events was “The Big Shoot” which was held on the farm of WBro Peters. This event was supported by other Lodges and the public. “It was a great success and is on our Calendar for this year”, WBro Roberson re-

ported, “This event was professionally run and Charity benefitted in the end”.

Following “The BIG Shoot”, the Lodge hosted “The Small Shoot” which was for air rifles only. “We ‘AIMED’ this project as a bonding between other Lodges. We sent out invites to other Lodges and challenged them to a ‘shootout’ and social afterwards. Unfortunately, these events were not well supported by other Lodges, but well supported by the public”.

The Lodge also participated in the annual “Cars in the Park” festival. “A lot of hard work and a lot of fun at the

same time was had by all”, WBro Roberson reported. WBro Roberson was proclaimed as Master of the Lodge after which he invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The DGM, RW Bro RF Moxham congratulated WBro Roberson and the Lodge on a successful year and the manner in which the Installation Meeting was conducted.

Following the meeting, the Brethren in attendance were treated to a scrumptious three course Festive Board meal superbly prepared by WBro Roberson with the help of Jenni Haasbroek. Another fabulous day out!

NEWS FROM OUR OTHER ORDERS

Umlazi Cryptic Council No. 104, meets at Victoria County Masonic Centre (VCMC), Umhlali, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. It is so named after Queen Victoria which was the name of the County/Zone on the North Coast and farmers hall, which we took over and rebuilt after a fire. From a very small number of Cryptic Masons, we moved from Bellair Lodge in the South of Durban after being sold, to its present situation. After some debate amongst the members, it was decided to hold the meetings on a Saturday and combine it with the RCC and KT; this saved members in travel and time. The Umlazi Cryptic Council has steadily increased in numbers and on a special meeting on 18 January 2025 we held Royal Master, Most Excellent Master and Super Excellent Master degrees. In Royal Master we Honored four candidates, closing after the first two and re-opening for the remaining two candidates. In Most Excellent Master we Received



Ill Comp Wayne Johnston

and Acknowledged four candidates and in Super Excel-

year.

One of the highlights of the Installation meeting was the presentation of Grand Lodge Certificates to eleven of our members. The DGM said he



lent Master we received and Acknowledged thirteen Candidates. This was done with members only from Umlazi Council.

Umlazi Council now stands at 22 active members, with more showing interest and wanting to join.

Umlazi Council Installation meeting on 15 February 2025 was attended by our DGM, R Ill Comp Paul Stewart Knight together with Grand and District Grand Officers, where Ill Comp. Darryll Robertson was installed as T.I.M. for the ensuing

never presented so many before and he thanked the District Grand Recorder, Nicholas Griffon for arranging the certificates from Mark Masons Hall, England.



The 11 new members being presented their Grand Lodge Certificates



WBro Ricardo Strachan

The **Widows Sons** is an international Masonic motorcycle association made up of Freemasons who enjoy riding motorcycles and socializing with their brethren. They are not a motorcycle club (MC) or gang, but rather a rider's association. The Widows Sons aim to support widows and orphans of Master Masons, promote Freemasonry, and foster a social and fraternal outlet for their members. Membership of the Widows Sons is open to all Master Masons in good standing.

Tylers Swords St Lucia Weekend Bike Ride Recap November 2024

The Widows Sons KZN Chapter (Tylers Swords) hit the open road for an unforgettable annual year end weekend ride and stay in stunning St Lucia, KwaZulu-Natal in November 2024. Our Masonic Riders Association brought together brothers from across the region for a thrilling adventure filled with brotherhood, breathtaking scenery, and the roar of motorcycles.

The Ride to St Lucia

The journey kicked off with a meeting at the N3 North Petroport, with a refuel, a coffee, a solemn prayer and we hit the N3 with the bikes



Brothers riding in formation toward St Lucia, with KZN's lush greenery in the background

roaring up the north coast. Our convoy of bikes wound its way toward the first stop at Engen 1-stop just before Richards Bay, for a hearty breakfast, and a cheeky ice cold Amarula liqueur which was passed around. Then off to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the coastal town of St Lucia as our destination. The route offered a mix of open highways and winding access roads, perfect for soaking in the freedom of the ride while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow brothers. The

warm November weather was ideal, with clear skies and a gentle breeze keeping us cool as we cruised toward the coast.

Exploring St Lucia

Upon arrival in St Lucia, we checked into our accommodations at a lodge nestled in the town. The group wasted no time diving into the adventure, with a good lunch at the ski boat club and the beautiful Widows Sons ceremonial patching of new member, Silvia Strachan. The rich biodiversity of the area created the perfect backdrop.

As always, our Widows Sons KZN Chapter stayed true to our mission of combining our passion for riding with the values of Freemasonry. On Saturday evening, we gathered for a heartfelt dinner on the easy-going St Lucia town Centre, where we were treated to excellent food, drinks and shooters galore. The legendary hippos that wander through the town at night did not make an appearance, probably scared away by this raucous bunch!

The evening was filled with laughter, stories and the strengthening of our fraternal bonds, under the African sky and the Square and Compass, symbolizing our commitment to Freemasonry and the open road on two wheels.

The ride back from St Lucia (with some heavy heads) was bittersweet as we savoured the final moments of the weekend. The group paused for breakfast on the N3 south and headed back south.

Looking Ahead

The St Lucia weekend ride was a resounding success, blending the thrill of the ride with the beauty of KZN's natural wonders and the strength of our Masonic brotherhood. We're already planning our next adventure and look forward to more rides, charity events, and opportunities to connect with our brothers across South Africa and beyond. This 2025 year end weekend ride will be to



Widows Sons KZN Chapter, celebrating brotherhood companionship and Freemasonry



Clarens, and we cant wait!

A huge shout-out to all who joined us, organized the event, and made this weekend one for the books. Stay tuned for details on our 2025 rides and keep an eye on our website and social media Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1AjScacEPi/?mibextid=wwXlfr>) for updates on how you can get involved (see Back Page for more info).

A lighter side of Freemasonry

33 Degrees?
You have 33
Degrees in
Freemasonry?
But why?

There are the first 3
Degrees. And those
above are for those
that did not understand
the first 3 Degrees.



DON'T TRASH THAT CAN ...
LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TOGETHER



Got empty beverage cans piling up?

Don't toss them, keep them aside and I will collect them from your home or work place on a weekly basis.

Why? Because every can recycled:

Saves energy * helps the planet * reduces landfill * supports a cleaner, greener community.

Membership of the Widows Sons

Open to all Master Masons in good standing. Bikes must be >400cc.

Call the Secretary (Mark Roberson) on +27 82 894 8523.

Ride safe, ride proud, and keep the spirit of the Widows Sons alive!

Widows Sons - Meet on the Level, Pass on the square. "Where the fraternal bond of Freemasonry extends into the brotherhood of bikers"

Bro Wayne Hammond of Port Shepstone Lodge is embarking on this worthy initiative to raise funds to be used for buying food parcels for the less fortunate in our communities.

So, if you have empty beverage cans lying around, just keep them aside and Bro Hammond will swing by and collect them.

No mess, no stress! Just a better planet. One can at a time!

Message me now to join the Can Collection Crew and start making an impact!

Bro Wayne Hammond: 084 546 4610