



# DGL NEWS

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA**

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## **The Last Summons**

### **Bro. Bernard Joshua Bortz PDGM, Hon SGW**



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Bro Bernard Joshua Bortz to the Grand Lodge Above. He passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. He is survived by his wife, Beryl and six sons. A dedicated family man, who will be mourned and missed by all who knew him.

It would be difficult to find a more dedicated servant to the cause of Freemasonry. He served, with distinction, ten years as District Grand Master from 1990 to 2000. His efforts and hard work, more than helped to establish our District Grand Lodge to be the viable organisation it is today. Often controversial, but with unwavering sincere direction, he guided the Lodges in the District to a healthier financial and more importantly philosophical state. He created the right conditions to, "Make good men better."

## CONDOLENCES:

Need I say or write of the profound feeling of sadness I feel at the passing away of Bernie. Thanks for letting me know so soon after his demise. Peggy and I are still in Jerusalem and will be here for some time yet while she continues to have treatment for her unfortunate condition.

Bernie and I had a truly brotherly affection for each other and I can say it was a pleasure and privilege to count him as one of many with whom I had the privilege of knowing.

May the Great Architect grant him everlasting peace and eternal rest.

*Bro. Morris Linton PDGM*

It is with deep sadness that we heard of the passing to higher service of Bro Bortz, Please extend our condolences to your RWDGM, Bro Bob Law and to your District.

On behalf of the RWDGM, Bro Donald Dye and the District of the Eastern Province,

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Bro Will Basson.*

Please convey our deepest sympathy to Bro Bernie's family from the brethren of Lodge Orpheus.

*Bro. Dino Kyriazis RWM*

Very sad to hear about Bernie's passing to the GL above.

Please send on my condolences to his family and close friends/brethren.

Fraternal regards

*Bro.Dave Boardman, Lodge Energy-Treasurer*

Lodge Orpheus No 1537 SCR.W.M. and Brethren of Lodge Pythagoras would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the lodges and families of Brothers Bernie Bortz & Bob Harvey. They will be sorely missed.

Yours sincerely and fraternaly,

*Bro. Mario Lambrianos, Secretary-Lodge Pythagoras*

It is with immense sadness that I hear of the loss of Bro Bernie Bortz PDGM. I now live in Australia, so unfortunately I won't be there to attend his funeral. Please accept and convey my heartfelt condolences on the loss of such a distinguished brother. The grand lodge above will assuredly gain from his presence.

With fraternal regards

*Bro Alistair Russell PM Lodge Argyll 1548 S.C.*

Kindly convey my sincerest condolences to your Right Worshipful District Grand Master and members of your district. Bernie will be missed.

Fraternaly

*Bro. Roberto Sagrestano, IPDGM Western Province-Cape Of Good Hope*

Was deeply upset to hear that Bernie Bortz passed away.

I extend my sincerest and deepest condolences to the family and loved ones.

Fraternal Greetings

*Bro Ted Bone*

***And so it has come to pass, a loved one, having completed all the designs laid down on the Trestleboard of Life, has answered the summons of the G.A.O.T.U. and has entered into the Grand Lodge above. He shall be missed.***