



# DGL NEWS

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA

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### FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Brethren,

I hope you enjoy this edition as the winter is surely upon us.

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Once again, here goes and enjoy reading!

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### WHAT IS LIFE?

#### A Freemason's Guide to the Universe [part VI]

##### The Unseen World

Much of what we see does not exist. And much of what exists, we do not see. We cannot, for instance, see gamma rays, X-rays, Ultraviolet or infrared. So the extent of our "knowledge" of the universe is very limited. But not only is our sense of vision impaired, our senses of hearing, odours, etc., do not function at a 100% of their capacity. A typical example is that of the so-called "Dog Whistle." The pitch of the whistle is far too high for the human ear to hear, but to a dog it is perfectly audible. The same holds true for our sense of smell. Properly trained dogs can smell Cannabis even when it is hidden inside a protective container. Humans can only smell it when they – or someone else is smoking it.

There is a lovely little story (although I suspect it is no more than urban legend), about the H.M.S. Beagle with Charles Darwin on board. When the Beagle arrived at the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego ("Land of Fire"), the Fuegians did not, or COULD not see the ship. The explanation that is given for this is that the islanders had never seen anything so huge on the ocean before, and so their eyes simply did not register that which should have been quite obvious to see. This story gave rise to the popular adage, "believing is seeing," and not "seeing is believing." However, while the statement is most certainly true, the origins of it are vague. The same story is told about Christopher

Columbus when he arrived on the shores of Northern America.

But let us explore our hypothetical view of "reality" a little deeper. If take you look at your hand, you'll see a "solid" object with (usually) five appendages to it – your fingers. But if you put that same hand under a powerful electron microscope, then that which appeared to be solid, reveals massive gaps between each cell which forms the hand. It is akin to looking up into the night sky and seeing the stars. From our vantage point they seem to be fairly close to each other, but in reality, they are billions of kilometres apart. In fact, some of them are so far away that by the time the light of one of them becomes visible to us, it may no longer exist, because it took many years for the light to reach us. The star which is closest to the earth, Alpha Centauri – a triple star – is 3.7 light-years away. Even the light from our life-giving star, the Sun, which is a fairly insignificant "Yellow Dwarf," and is about 150, 000, 000, Km from earth, takes 8 minutes to reach us.

The point is, "reality" is not as real as we assume it to be, and in the immortal words of William Shakespeare, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." It is a rather sobering thought when one considers the First Law of Thermodynamics which states, "Energy can be changed from one form to another, but it cannot be created or destroyed." The human body maintains a basic minimum rate of heat production at about 250 Btu/hr (British Thermal Units) during sleep, the heat equivalent of about 75 watts, and about 400 Btu/hr (120 watts) when awake but sedentary. As bodily activity increases, the rate of oxidation of food, with its attendant release of energy, must increase. The level of heat production for light work will be about 650 Btu/hr (190 watts), the extreme value for heavy work, about 2400 Btu/hr (700 watts). So, in essence, "you" cannot actually die, you can only be "converted" – but not in the religious sense of the word. Curiously, there is more heat radiated by the body *per unit volume*, than the Sun *per unit volume*.

We sometimes say, "I have a gut feeling about .... Whatever." It may surprise you that your "guts" do, in fact, contain receptors which respond to 5 Hydroxy-Tryptamine, or Serotonin, Dopamine, and Noradrenalin – all of which are chemicals which are involved in producing emotions. And when you say, "I have a heavy heart," when you are sad, then rest assured –

you actually do have a heavy heart, for exactly the same reasons as for a gut feeling. Also, if one recalls the statement made by King Solomon in Proverbs 23:7 "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he," it becomes clear that there is more truth in that statement than is obvious at a superficial level.

Another mysterious experience is that which is known as the "Phantom Limb Phenomenon." A man who has had say, a left leg amputated, will complain that his left foot is itching, or his left toe is hurting. This goes on for months, even years after the limb has been amputated.

We will end this instalment with a quote from the Egyptologist/Mathematician/ Philosopher, René Schwaller de Lubitz who said, "I do not know what spirit is, but spirit knows who I am, for everything is only spirit."

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### WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT:

<http://masonicpictures.org/> - World's largest private collection of Masonic and Shrine related pictures.

<http://www.masonicsites.org/blue/masonictrivia.html> - Full of Masonic trivia.

<http://www.freemasoninformation.com/2010/03/the-first-year-of-the-euphrates-e-book-is-now-available/> - The free e-book which celebrates the best moments from the first year of the Banks of the Euphrates[MasOnic interest site.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING: NO PLACE IN FREEMASONRY?

"In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable."

~ [Dwight David Eisenhower quotes](#) (American 34th President (1953-61). 1890-1969)

Most Freemasons are all too familiar with the idea of strategic planning: they get an overdose at work. What usually happens is that we are asked to take time off from meeting critical deadlines to spend days in an orgy of planning; and go to huge lengths to write up our plan using the latest templates; only to have the accountants who have absolutely no idea what our actual work is, tell us we can't have any money to do what we have planned – long after the Board has approved those very plans ... To add insult to injury, we have to acknowledge the truth of Henry Mintzberg's observation – that that fat

document containing the strategic plan will simply be placed on a shelf and only next consulted at the following statplanning exercise. So what's the point, and why should Freemasons follow this iniquitous practice?

The last place one expects to find Zen-like words of wisdom is the mouth of a former American President – especially one whose two terms in office were allegedly spent playing golf and taking long afternoon naps. As a General, too, he wouldn't have been acceptable in any British Army mess – the majority of lives lost by his strategies were those of enemy soldiers.

But Ike was right. He thought like a chess player. You work out a game strategy once – and spend the entire game amending it as the opponent comes up with new stratagems. That original plan becomes useless once hostilities begin, but was essential preparation for the battle.

Small businesses which thrive do that sort of planning: once the budgets and targets are worked out, the owner keeps the plans in his head.

Strategic planning is however, an essential tool for successful Lodges (answer to my rhetorical question above).

The idea is that the entire Lodge should get away for a day or two, and talk about its future, its identity, its plans, and its viability. Why? Because, even if Lodges aren't businesses-for-profit, they have to be run in a business-like manner: they answer to a whole bunch of stakeholders (District, GL, other Lodges, the Temple's shareholders, their members, and most importantly, the families of their members).

Additionally, they work with other persons' finances. Strategic planning encourages accountability and transparency toward those stakeholders, and, as a senior Brother in District remarked to me, it gets the Brn. of the Lodge to talk among themselves about important issues. It also enables those yet to sit in the Chair to give inputs about the kind of Lodge they want to inherit when their turn comes.

I did the scientific thing and asked Past Masters of some Lodges in the District – as well as District itself what sort of strategic planning, if any, was taking place locally – some 20 entities.

The answer was as expected.

It contrasted sharply with what I observed in a Lodge in one of our Sister Constitutions a few years ago. I accompanied the late bro. Geoff Robertson to their installation. The valedictory address spoke about plans fulfilled, targets met, and was dreadfully upbeat and positive. In addition, that Lodge gave R60 000 to various benevolences, had over 60 active members present at the Installation, and more than a half-dozen newly-raised Brothers on which to build its future. Scottish Lodges which do formal planning are in the small minority: only 3 were reported as doing at least an annual business plan. Apart from a bit of financial planning – forced by rising rentals and subscription fees, and the need to look to the coming year's offices, most Lodges content themselves with *ad hoc* plans for the following month or three.

One of the two Lodges which reported doing a formal annual plan is currently one of the stars of the District. Another is gaining strength, and doing well. It is therefore possible that there is indeed a logical connection between planning and success.

The question I asked, however, was about planning which extended over more than a single year. There was a single objection that it was wrong to bind the current and future RWM's as they would then lose their autonomy and their right to rule their lodges. Some issues of strategy, however, extend well beyond the single year of a Master's term.

The first thing that comes to mind is the Lodge's character or "branding". One successful Lodge I polled hasn't done any formal planning whatsoever – but there has been an informal and unspoken consensus for a long time that this Lodge exists to put fun and good times into Freemasonry. This Lodge has little tolerance for anything esoteric, and is merely passing good at ritual. Nevertheless, because all members have an understanding of the Lodge's identity, they know what sort of candidate to look for; who will fit in, and who won't.

An important aspect of strategic planning is a clear understanding of what the Lodge's character is. We are, after all, in a competitive environment, even against sister Lodges within the District. A tried and trusted method of coping with an environment of "perfect competition" is to differentiate ones products and services from the mass. To do this requires the general consensus of all members, especially of those who are likely to take the Chair during the next 5 years or so – in other words, a strategic planning session in which all members can participate freely. Another issue to be dealt with in strategic planning is that of the Lodge's past. Every Lodge seems to have a lone brother who acts as the custodian of its traditions and heritage. But happens when that brother retires to the South Coast or passes on? A simple solution is a joint decision by all to create a heritage group which is charged to maintain and disseminate the Lodge's heritage, traditions, history and corporate culture. This team should also be charged with the collection of souvenirs and memorabilia, as well as getting its collective wisdom down in documented form.

Fundraising, catering and social events do not just happen. Ask your wives, brethren: the more spontaneous an event seems, the more advance planning went into it. Planning events well in advance makes collaboration possible – meaning that it's not just the same old faces doing the donkey work.

There's another thing about strategic planning – what's the point of raising money by collections, raffles and the like, if all members are not reading from the same page, knowing what the plan for its spending is? Raising money without a reason is demotivating to many brn., and is an example of the tail wagging the dog. Plan first, then use the plan for financial targets. More than one Lodge has received almost mortal blows because there was no what-if built into the succession ladder. This happens when the brother it has nursed for years suddenly announces he is moving

to Australia, or has suddenly gotten Religion. There can be no principle objection to the idea of working out, not just who will go into the Chair, but backup plans and serious thinking about who would be the best men to support him in the other offices. Such a plan, of course, implies that the Lodge has indulged in a SWOT analysis – an essential part of strategic planning.

Finally, a session where every brother is freely encouraged to express his ideals for a Lodge which will give him room to become the best Freemason he can be, will inevitably lead to a Lodge with strength, character and purpose.

"Failing to plan is planning to fail"

~ [Proverb quotes](#)

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### POEM

#### MY RELIGION

##### The Royal Arch Mason - 1962

When talk turns to religion  
I have notions of my own,  
Have my version of the Bible,  
And things I think alone.

And I find them satisfying,  
Find them comforting to me,  
Though I wouldn't lose my temper  
If you choose to disagree.

For religion as I see it,  
Is a pathway to the goal,  
And it's something to be settled  
Between each man and his soul.

Now I'm not a Roman Catholic,  
But I wouldn't go so far  
As to fling away the friendship  
Of the ones I know that are.

**I've lived and neighbored with them,  
Come to love them through and through.  
I've respect and admiration  
For the kindly things they do.**

**I've known Methodists, Baptists,  
Lutherans, Scientists and Jews,  
Whose friendship is a treasure  
That I wouldn't want to lose.**

**So when the bigots talk religion  
I just settle back and see  
Every helpful, loyal friend  
Each church has given me.**

**Author Unknown**



## **THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND**

The Royal Order of Scotland is governed by the Grand Lodge which directs operations from its prestigious headquarters at St. John Street, Edinburgh, a building that embodies the Chapel of St. John, and is believed to be the oldest purpose-built masonic lodge room in the world.

The Royal Order of Scotland occupies a unique position within Freemasonry and can rightfully claim to be a truly international masonic body, controlling in excess of eighty Provincial Grand Lodges situated in twenty-five different countries across the globe. In addition, it is the only 'working' Grand Lodge in the world, admitting and promoting candidates into the two constituent degrees, as well as dealing with all administrative matters pertaining to the Order. It can also claim to be senior to all other masonic systems with the exception of the Craft, as authentic documentary proof exists in its archives indicating that the Order was active as early as 1741. This was substantiated in the form of a Patent of Appointment, dated 22 July 1750, granted in London to a William Mitchell, empowering him to erect a Provincial Grand Lodge in The Hague, Holland, which was endorsed by the 'Provincial Grand Master of South Britain...in the ninth year of my Provincial Grand Mastership.' However, there is no evidence that the proposed Provincial Grand Lodge ever actually functioned as by the year 1753 Mitchell was domiciled in Edinburgh. He is recorded as visiting St. David's Lodge on 12 September where he was duly acknowledged as the 'Provincial Grand Master of the Seven United Provinces' (Holland).

It appears that Mitchell later established a Province of the Order at Edinburgh and over the intervening fourteen-year period certain Scottish brethren were

selected for admission, culminating in the erection of a Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in 1767, when a new set of Laws for the government of the Order was prepared. It was at this meeting that the King of Scots was first specifically designated as Grand Master, the title of 'Royal Order of Scotland' was adopted, and the date of the annual meeting changed to the 4th July. The 'Bruce' tradition was also embraced, and a new designation of Deputy Grand Master and Governor was instituted for the leader of the Order. During succeeding years Provincial Grand Lodges were warranted in France and Italy (having a complement of over twenty-five dependent Chapters), but the onset and subsequent backlash of the Napoleonic War forced the Order into a period of decline and from 1819, with the Continental lodges all but gone, it was destined to remain dormant for 20 years. The Order was eventually resuscitated in November 1839 but the interval of inaction caused great problems for those involved in reviving its fortunes, as little information remained with respect to the ritual of the Order, especially the degree of the Rosy Cross. However, by 1843 an approved ritual had been prepared when details and patterns for the aprons, cordons, collars, star, and garter, were laid down and Grand Lodge ratified the original Laws of 1767, which have remained the basic Law of the Order ever since. A design was also adopted for the Banner of the Order, which was purchased in March 1844.

### The Development of Degrees

The Royal Order of Scotland exercises rule over two degrees: the candidate is first 'advanced' in a Chapter of 'The Heredom of Kilwinning', then subsequently 'promoted' to 'The Knighthood of the Rosy Cross' in Grand Lodge or its Provincial equivalent. There is little doubt that the rituals concerned are of very ancient vintage but one should not forget that Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 implied that the only degrees controlled by the Grand Lodge of England at that time were Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and the references made to St. John's Masonry in the Order's ritual would certainly suggest that it was compiled at a later date.

### The Heredom of Kilwinning

This degree is traditionally associated with King David I of Scotland (1084-1153) and is of particular interest to students of Craft symbolism, as an extensive series of lectures meticulously examines the teachings of the Craft Degrees from a religious standpoint, as well as making many references to other degrees within Freemasonry, but with the difference that the symbolism employed moves from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

The candidate is admitted into the Chapter in the guise of a Master Mason and, after a long, perilous and mystical journey through deserts and over mountain tops, sustained by the source of the water of life, he finds himself in a visionary city under Divine rule where he is ultimately successful in identifying the 'Lost Word'.

### The Knight of the Rosy Cross

The institution of this degree by King Robert the Bruce

(1274-1329) following the Battle of Bannockburn is purely legendary and the conflict itself does not feature in the ritual but, as its name implies, the legend refers to a theme similarly found in the 18th degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Armed with sword and trowel, the aspirant knight kneels within a circle of assembled knights to take his obligation, after which the accolade is ceremonially bestowed by the Deputy Grand Master & Governor, or the Provincial Grand Master.

The statutory qualification for admission into the Royal Order of Scotland is that of being a Master Mason of five years standing. Membership is very highly prized among Freemasons worldwide and is a distinction granted by invitation only.

#### Regalia

The regalia of a Brother in Heredom (the first degree), comprises an apron of special design, being wider at the bottom than at the top, edged with crimson ribbon - the colour of Kilwinning - and having a fringed triangular flap, fastened with ribbons, all in crimson. A wide cordon, or baldrick, of a similar colour is worn over the left shoulder and under the right arm.

After promotion to Knighthood, an additional cordon of dark green - after the Chivalric 'Order of the Thistle' - is worn above the crimson cordon, over the right shoulder and under the left arm. The former apron is replaced with one of similar dimensions but edged with crimson and thistle-green ribbon and having a fringed flap of green and fastened by green and crimson tasselled cords.

A seven-pointed gilt star featuring the cross of the Order is worn on the left breast, while a gilt-edged thistle-green garter bearing the words 'Virtute et Silentio' is worn around the left arm. It is also quite normal - for those having the right - to wear the kilt of their appropriate clan.

#### The merits of the Order

At the meetings of Grand Lodge and every Provincial Grand Lodge a vacant seat is permanently reserved for the Grand Master (the King of Scots) with the emblems of regality being placed in readiness upon his throne while the Banner of the Order reinforces the patriotic message of this unique brotherhood. Each member enjoys the privilege of individual recognition by the conferral of a descriptive 'characteristic', which is indicative of his calling, his personal qualities or his achievements. The distinction is ratified when he is ennobled as a member of this genuine Order of Masonic knighthood, which is said to mirror the ancient ceremony of the Order of St. Andrew of the Thistle, originally attributed to Robert the Bruce. There is little doubt that within the Royal Order of Scotland an ambiance exists which is seldom encountered within the confines of many other Orders. It is appropriately described as 'the highest and most sublime degree of Masonry' as its essence, symbolism and procedure, elevates Freemasonry from a simple system of morality based upon religion into the realms of true Christian Perfection, affording the vision of a divine church - not of this world, but of the mystical Kingdom of the Lord.

**By Bro. Keith Jackson**

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### POINTS TO PONDER

LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS –  
NOT LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE  
Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.  
To handle yourself, use your head.  
To handle others, use your heart.

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### Pipe Band & Highland Dancing Contests

01/05/2010 - South Coast Highland Gathering:-  
Amanzimtoti

15/05/2010 - De La Salle Gathering:- De La Salle  
College, Cnr.Road No.3 & 3rd Road, Victory Park.

29/05/2010 - Pretoria Boys Gathering:- Pretoria  
Boys High School, Cnr.Lynnwood Road & Roper  
Rd. Bailey's. Pretoria

26/06/2010 - Natal Scottish Gathering

17/07/2010 - St.Benedict's Gathering:- St.Benedicts  
College, Cnr.Harcus & Dean Roads, Bedfordview.

07/08/2010 - Benoni Gathering:- Benoni High  
School, Cnr.Dalrymple Road & Hospital St.  
Northmead Benoni.

(Champion of Champions)

### NEWS FROM ABROAD.

### SHROUD OF TURIN SHOWING SPARKS QUESTIONS

*Does carbon dating prove the shroud  
originated in the 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> century?*

A rare showing of the Shroud of Turin opened earlier this month in Turin, Italy. Whether simply curious or convinced that the linen cloth is the burial shroud of Jesus Christ, visitors can



reserve a 3- to 5-minute time slot to view the controversial object. Organizers of the viewing expect 2 million pilgrims and tourists to see the linen shroud while it is on display from April 10 to May 23, 2010.

Late last fall, a researcher from the Vatican archives asserted that barely visible Greek, Latin and Aramaic words written on the shroud prove its authenticity as the burial cloth of Jesus. Many scientists, convinced that the shroud is a medieval forgery, criticized this new assertion.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything." -anon

"What orators lack in depth, they make up in length."—Charles de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, 1689 – 1755

"Never ask for more love than you are willing to give."—Eugene Gourley

"Never pass up the chance to talk with someone smarter than yourself."—Chuck Masoner

### UNDERSTANDING OUR LAWS AND BYE-LAWS-

#### DUTIES-No. 208-

Every Brother of the Scottish Craft is enjoined to provide himself with a copy of the latest edition of these Laws as printed and published by authority of Grand Lodge.

Every Brother is enjoined to be as frequent as possible in his attendance at meetings of his Lodge.

The Brethren of every Lodge, but especially the Master and wardens, are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can.

Brethren visiting Lodges must provide themselves with written evidence that they are in good standing.

Brethren going overseas, temporarily or permanently, should ascertain from Grand Secretary the Masonic Bodies recognized as regular by Grand Lodge

### FOR SALE

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Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> May 2010

(7:00 for 7:30 pm),

at Temple Sinai, Germiston.

*A joint effort between*

*Ophirton, Herodom and Douglas Lodges*

Tickets are R 150.00 per head, inclusive of food + cash bar (cheap drinks!!).

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many left): Bro. Don Radnidge

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### MASKED BALL

hosted by Lodge Cairngorm Republic

Saturday 8 May 2010,

19Hoo for 19H30

at St. Benedict's College, Kings Road, Bedfordview.

Tickets cost R 100-00 per person and are selling fast!!!

contact Bro. Darryl du Plooy on 074 767-0832.

### AND IN HISTORY..... HATE STAMPS

On January 1, 1942 Serbia issued four stamps to commemorate the Grand Anti-Masonic Exhibition, which opened in Belgrade on October 22, 1941. These stamps depict a strong and victorious Serbia crushing an evil Masonic-Communist-Jewish plot for world domination.

The surtax on this issue was used for Anti-Masonic, Anti-Communist, and Anti-Jewish propaganda. Each stamp bore the opening date 22x1941 and was labeled "Anti-Masonic Exhibition" and "Serbia" in Cyrillic letters.



These stamps, with their juxtaposition of Masonic,

Communist, Jewish and Serbian symbols (Nazi symbols are notably absent), provide a remarkable window into the Serbian wartime worldview. Even after the Communist takeover of Yugoslavia in May 1945 Masons were regarded with suspicion and contempt by the Serbian dominated Yugoslav authorities and Masonry remained outlawed for the next 45 years - until the summer of 1990.

The first stamp shows Masonry, allegorically clad as a hooded figure wearing an apron and star of David upon its bosom. This hooded figure is shown cringing from a strong ray of light, which emanates from a circular cabalistic design apparently representing the forces of Anti-Masonry.

Nowhere in Masonry does a hooded figure appear. Also any Mason could readily see the fallacy of "Cringing from Light" - did we not ask for light at least three times? Then too, the attempt to link Jewry with Freemasonry is very evident by the Star of David on the figure's bosom.

The second stamp of the series shows a hand emanating from a silvery light, as in the first stamp, and grasping the neck of a huge viper whose head rests on a square and compasses. This viper or snake is covered with the Stars of David rather than scales. Biblically, the snake represents the forces of evil (Jews and Masons) and here is symbolically being stopped by the hand of Nazism.

The third stamp shows a sheaf of wheat superimposed on a cross, which has a pointed lower leg, together with the hammer, and sickle all resting upon and splitting a star that symbolizes Serbia. This attempts to show that the Jew, Mason, and Communist are alike in ideal if not one and the same. The last stamp of the series shows a Star of David

upon the curved surface of the earth between two pillars which are being put asunder by a zealous modern Serbian Samson. These pillars presumably refer to the two pillars in the porch of King Solomon's Temple.

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## LODGE MEETINGS

MAY		2010	
3	Towerby	2nd Degree	Rewlatch
3	Energy		Secunda
4	The Golden Light		Klerksdorp
4	Jakaranda		Willows
5	Turffontein	3rd Degree	Rewlatch
5	Eenheid	Installation	Boksburg South
5	Ophirton	3rd Deg catechism	Boksburg North
5	Balmoral	Lecture	Olifantsfontein
6	Caledonian		Germiston
6	Athol	Installation	Boksburg
6	Randfontein		Krugersdorp
7	Scotia	Lecture	Orange Grove
7	The Pilgrim		Lydenburg
10	Alberton	Installation	Germiston
10	Discoverers	In Memoriam	Roodepoort
10	Border		Vereeniging
10	Sound Memory	2nd Degree	Orange Grove
11	Heredom	3rd Degree	Boksburg North
11	Unison	Lecture	Carletonville
11	Glen Douglas	1st Degree	Rewlatch
11	King Solomon		Germiston
12	Piet Retief	1st Degree	Vereeniging
12	Nelspruit United		Nelspruit
12	Douglas		Germiston
12	Alpha Crucis		Rewlatch
12	Benoni Kilwinning		Boksburg North
12	North West Bedford	3rd Degree	Orange Grove
13	Roodepoort		Roodepoort
13	Caledonians	Lecture	Roodepoort
13	Golden Thistle	2nd Degree	Park Lane
14	Northern Province		Orange Grove
17	Liberty	Installation	Willows
17	Union of Athole		Kimberley
18	Thistle		Bloemfontein
18	St Andrew	1st Degree	Kensington
18	Cairngorm Republic	Mark Degree	Orange Grove
18	Nigel		Nigel
19	Florida	Quiz	Roodepoort
19	Gordon		Rewlatch
19	Caxton	Installation	Orange Grove
19	Masonic Services		Park Lane
19	Bloemhof-Fontein		Klerksdorp

20	Western Star	Quiz	Roodepoort
21	Tvl Volunteer	3rd Degree	Park Lane
24	Pretoria Celtic		Olifantsfontein
24	Braemar	1st Degree	Rewlatch
25	Orpheus		The Willows
25	Middelburg United		Middleburg
26	Argyll	Lecture	Roodepoort
26	Somah Herber		Park Lane
26	Oranje		Bloemfontein
27	Brixton	Quiz	Norwood
27	East Rand Scots		Boksburg North
27	Glen Douglas	1st Degree	Rewlatch
28	Robert Burns Mem	3rd Degree	Germiston
29	Sabie	Installation	Nelspruit