



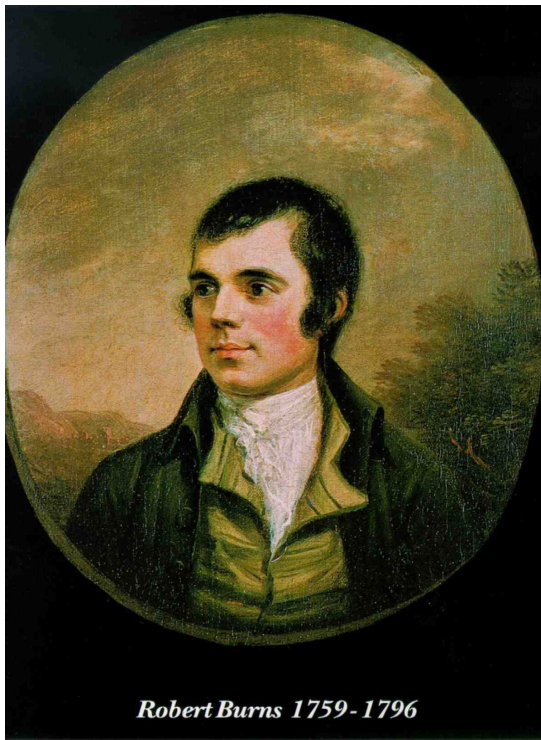
# DGL NEWS

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA**

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## **Robert Burns**



*Robert Burns 1759- 1796*

### **If it's January 25, it's Rabbie Burns Day!**

Whether you call it Rabbie Burns Day or Rabbie Burns Night, or just Burns night, this annual celebration of the Scottish poet's birthday is not to be missed by the Scottish and those who wish they were!

Robert Burns is also known as Rabbie Burns, Scotland's favourite son, the Ploughman Poet, the Bard of Ayrshire and (in Scotland) as The Bard. He lived from January 25, 1759 to July 21, 1796.

### **Burns Supper or Burns Night**

Burns Nights or Burns Suppers are held world over, wherever there are folks of Scottish heritage. These celebrations can be formal or informal, but Scotch whiskey and haggis are staples.

A Burns Night will observe some or all of these components.

### **The Order of the Supper**

- 1 Start of the evening
2. Host's welcoming speech
3. Entrance of the haggis
4. Supper
5. Loyal toast
6. Immortal memory
7. Appreciation
8. Toast to the lasses
9. Reply to the toast to the lasses
10. Other toasts and speeches
11. Works by Burns
12. Dancing
13. Closing

### **The Selkirk Grace [Attributed to Robert Burns]**

Traditionally, a Rabbie Burns Day (or Night) celebration begins with the host's opening remarks, followed by the Selkirk grace, or prayer.

**Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it,  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae the Lord be thankit.**

Following the grace, a soup course is served. Traditionally, this will be Scotch broth, cock-a-leekie soup or potato soup. The soup may be accompanied by [Scottish Oat Bread](#).

### **Entrance of the Haggis [ A high point of any Rabbie Burns Day celebration]**

As everyone stands, a cook brings in the haggis and places it in front of the host. Usually, a piper playing something like "a man's a man for aw that" walks ahead of the cook.

### **A Haggis Recipe -Just in case you want to make your own**

A traditional haggis is cooked in a sheep's stomach, if you can find one. Alternatively, you can use a plastic baking bag or 1 large sausage casing

If you are using a sheep's stomach, double the ingredients below:

- 1 sheep liver, heart, & lights (lungs)**
- 1/2 lb beef suet**
- 2 large onions**

1 tbsp salt

1 tsp black pepper, freshly ground

1/2 tsp cayenne

1/2 tsp allspice

1 lb oatmeal, the old fashioned, slow cooking type

1 to 1 1/2 cup broth in which liver, heart and lungs were cooked

#### Method

Trim the liver, heart and lungs. Put in pot with water, bring to a boil and simmer for an hour and a half or until cooked. Cool. Keep the broth. Put the liver and heart through the meat grinder. Take the lungs, cut out as much gristle as possible and put them through a grinder also. Put the raw beef suet through the grinder.

Add all grinded meats and suet to a big pot. Peel, slice and chop the onions and add them to the meat in the pot. Add the salt and spices. Mix.

Toast or brown the oatmeal lightly in a heavy bottomed pot on top of the stove. Add the oatmeal to the pot of meats and mix thoroughly. Add 1 to 1 1/2 cup of broth from boiling the meat.

Add enough broth so the meat mixture sticks together when you grab a handful.

Stuff it in the sheep's stomach, plastic bag or sausage casing. Stuff it about 3/4 full if you are using a stomach or a plastic bag. If you are using a sheep's stomach, have the smooth side out and sew up the opening.

Wrap it in cheesecloth and be sure to prick it with a skewer so it won't explode from the steam. Prick it occasionally again during the early part of cooking.

Fill large pot with at least 1 gallon of water and bring to a boil. Boil gently for 4 to 5 hours.

Typically, you serve your Rabbin Burns Day haggis with neeps (turnips) or clapshot (mashed turnips & potatoes)

Extracted from <http://www.squidoo.com/Rabbieburnsday>

## FROM THE EDITOR

### Greetings Brethren,

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the DGL newsletter. I hope you have all had a pleasant rest and are ready and motivated for this year. We kick off this month with Rabbin Burns functions and next month and next month we have our Annual DGL Communication. Lodge Argyll are holding a Box 'n Dine on the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and Lodge Gordon are holding a Donkey Derby on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please see the annexures for further info.

Let's hope that this will be a bumper year for Freemasonry in general and for our Lodges in particular. Best of luck, Brethren!

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*Bro. Neville Boner PM, Lodge Sound Memory No. 1655 SC* - [Nevilleb@ispr.co.za](mailto:Nevilleb@ispr.co.za)

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Brethren,

Amazing what you find on sale on the Internet these days? I wonder if anyone has the reports on hand - the 1940 one should be a good read. Perhaps the Lodge of Research should buy these copies for their records.

I wonder how the price would compare for someone wanting to buy a copy of the By-laws of the DGL.

If I can secure a copy of the 1940 paper and make it available to me I will see into getting it re-compiled - mind you, you have a lot of fundis in the Cape:

### Final report of commission of enquiry into freemasonry under the English Constitution in the Transvaal.

**Johannesburg, District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal, 1973.** -First edition. 8vo. Printer wrappers. Pp. 64. Covers marked, foxing. Good. R145.00

### Freemasonry. A review of the report of the Synodical Commission of the Dutch Reformed Church (Cape) on Freemasonry. Cape Town, -Privately published, 1942.

First edition. 8vo. Printer wrappers. Pp. 78.

### A review, published by Freemasons on an anti-masons, Dutch Reformed Church report published in 1940.

Covers marked, paper browned. Good. R195.00

### Freemasonry. By-laws of the District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal, of ancient, free and accepted masons of Scotland. Erected 27th March, 1896. Johannesburg, Kenneth B. Dickinson, 1896. First edition. 16mo. Cloth covers. Pp. 69,(2).

Although not strictly a pamphlet as it is cloth-bound, it fits quite well into the category, being very small & slim. Binding a bit worn, front hinge tender. Good. R375.00

### Freemasonry. By-laws of the District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal. London, Warrington & Co., 1903. First edition. 24mo. Cloth. Pp. 23. The same applies to this even tinier version. Hinges tender. Good. R225.00

Cheers

*Bro. Eddy Norris, Napier - Southern Cape (where the weather is made)*

Freemasonry.

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## Pipe Band & Highland Dancing Contests

03/04/2010 - Western Cape Highland Gathering  
17/04/2010 - Jeppe Gathering:- Jeppe High School For Boys, Cnr.Roberts Ave. & Good Hope Street, Kensington.  
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)

## POEM

### NEW YEAR

Another fresh new year is here . . .  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me  
To live each day with zest . . .  
To daily grow and try to be  
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity  
Once more to right some wrongs,  
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,  
And sing more joyful songs!

By William Arthur Ward

## BROTHERLY LOVE

December 26, 2009 by [The Euphrates](#)

We have heard over and over that Freemasonry is a Brotherhood. That it is a fraternity. We use the term 'Masonic Family' when referring to the group of organizations associated with Masonry. But it often seems that we use these terms out of habit, without any sense of meaning behind the words that are coming out of our mouths.

I can think of countless lodge meetings that I have attended where we recognize men as Brother Smith or Worshipful Brother Jones. We use the term 'Brother' so often that we become desensitized to its meaning. Soon the word 'Brother' becomes little more than a substitute for 'Mister' or 'Sir.' Perhaps this is a failing of our institution's protocol or perhaps it is our own fault for overusing this word. But in the spirit of the Christmas season, I'd like to talk a little bit about what the word 'Brother' means to me.

A Brother is your next of kin. He is more than a friend, he is your own flesh and blood. A man for which you would lay

down your life. In the Masonic lodge, the term refers to the men of that mystic tie, that solemn obligation which we have all taken. This obligation is more than just a formality or organizational oath. The obligation is a pledge to be true to God, to yourself, and to your neighbor. The obligation is our promise to live and act virtuously and to love our fellow man. When we assume this obligation, we are declaring that we wish to be in the company of men who share the same values and ideals. By uniting ourselves with this honorable pledge, we become Brothers of that ancient and honorable clan: the Freemasons.

Unfortunately, we find that throughout history that relationships between brothers have not always been worthy of emulation. Two of the greatest examples of this are found in the Old Testament. We read of Cain murdering Abel in Genesis and when God inquires about Abel's whereabouts, Cain replies "Am I my Brother's keeper?" We learn that Jacob was willing to trick his father Isaac in order to obtain Esau's blessing. We need not look far to see similar actions occurring today. Our Masonic lodges are full of Brothers who resent each other out of jealousy or are too proud to meet each another upon the level. We have arguments and feuds over lodge business and we often neglect our fellow Masons in need of relief.

During the Christmas holiday, Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus who would grow up to become a leader that espoused the ideals of Brotherhood. Of all the lessons that Jesus taught, the most important is undoubtedly his new commandment: love one another. This is exactly what we as Freemasons and as Brothers should do. For if we love one another we will act by the square, we will circumscribe our desires, and we will give relief to our worthy Brother Masons. If we use the word 'Brother' not out of habit, but out of love, we will truly be a Masonic family. And by loving one another, we can understand the spirit of that solemn obligation.

One of the tenets of our profession is Brotherly Love and I propose that we all make this theme our focus for the new year. Let us make love a bigger part of the Masonic equation and let us focus on the meaning of being a Brotherhood.

My Brothers, love one another.

By Bro. Terence Satchell

<http://www.freemasoninformation.com/2009/12/brotherhood/>

## WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT:

<http://manybooks.net/> -There are 25,472 e-Books available here and they're all *free!*

<http://www.masonicbookclub.org> -Reproducing Masonic classics since 1970

[http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2010/01/welcoming\\_2010.html](http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2010/01/welcoming_2010.html) -Show-stopping images of this New Years Eve as it was celebrated around the world.

<http://www.nls.uk/burns/index.htm> - On Robbie Burns from the National Library of Scotland.

## **POINTS TO PONDER**

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.—*Calvin Coolidge*

## **NOTICE**

**DGL ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2010 2-30 for 3-00pm  
CERT Temple, 66 Jubilee Road,  
Boksburg South

## **QUOTABLE QUOTES:**

"Sincerity and truth are the basis of every virtue."-  
Confucius

Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative,  
a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger.  
—Franklin P. Jones

A fine quotation is a diamond in the hand of a man of wit  
and a pebble in the hand of a fool.  
—Joseph Roux

There is nothing so powerful as truth, and often nothing so  
strange."- Daniel Webster

## **JANUARY MASONIC EVENTS**

### **Installations:**

12	Unison	Carletonville
12	Heredom	Boksburg North
21	Mo Dachaidh	Kensington

### **Rabbie Burns Supper:**

20	Gordon	Rewlatch
22	Robert Burns Memorial	Germiston
27	Argyll	Roodepoort

### **District Grand Lodge of Rehearsal for the Annual Communication: 9.00am [Dress casual]**

16	January	Boksburg South
23	January	Boksburg South
13	February	Boksburg South

## **UNDERSTANDING OUR LAWS AND BYE-LAWS**

### **Duties**

#### **Rule No. 209**

Every Brother must sign the Attendance Book before entering any meeting of a Lodge whether he be a member or a visitor.

## **FOR SALE**

## **LOCAL MASONIC ITEMS**

For more details and prices contact: Bro. Dave Kennedy  
083-294 5530 or email: [piperauto@telkomsa.net](mailto:piperauto@telkomsa.net)

LARGE VARIETY OF MASONIC LAPEL PINS, KEY RINGS AND CUFFLINKS TO ORDER. COLLAR JEWELS FOR LODGE OFFICE BEARERS, RITUALS AND ALL BOOKLETS FROM THE APPLICANT TO MARK MASTER. WE ARE CURRENTLY HAVING A DIE STRUCK FOR A DISTRICT GRAND LODGE MARK TOKEN AND A COMMEMORATIVE TOKEN IS TO BE MADE FOR THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER MASON IN FEBRUARY 2010. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT BRINGING IN STOCK FOR A MASONIC SHOP AT DISTRICT GRAND LODGE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY ITEMS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE STOCKED THERE.  
**(ALL PROCEEDS TO DISTRICT GRAND LODGE BUILDING FUND)**

## **ALMONER'S CORNER**

### **Brethren and Families**

Our thoughts and prayers go to:

- Bro Morris Linton, PDGM and his wife are still overseas in Jerusalem at present. Bro Linton's good lady is undergoing prolonged treatment for a serious condition. Our wishes and prayers go to her for a speedy and lasting recovery.
- Bro Lucien Tager, from Lodge NW Bedford, was admitted to hospital on the 15<sup>th</sup> November for heart surgery. He is now back home. Convalescence will take a bit of time, but he is on the mend. We wish him well.
- Bro Eddie Davidson, underwent a triple bypass, which by all accounts was a resounding success, as he was home in less than a week.
- Bro Harry Freunhof was admitted for cardiac examination, but was discharged and seems to be alright. Take it easy.
- Bro Lew Clarkson has cracked a rib or two and suffers from a very tender ribcage.

- Bro Kieth Maricich was hospitalised for about three days for observation, but has been discharged.

*Brethren, a 'phone call or any form of support to Brethren that are in distress or have suffered trauma, will, I'm sure be greatly appreciated.*

**Welcome and Congratulations go to the following Brethren:**

- Bro Clayton Naude, initiated in Lodge Sound Memory
- Bro Sephen Deetlefs, raised to the 3° in Lodge Argyll
- Bro Kris Fawcett, initiated in Lodge Somah Herber

**May you have many years amongst your Brethren. May the light of the G.A.O.T.U shine upon you always.**

## **The Last Summons**

Our condolences go to the family, friends and Brethren of those mentioned below:

- Bro Johannes de Villiers from St John in the South
- Bro Johan Van Heerden, passed away in a car accident
- Bro Johan Landsberg, passed away from a freak accident whilst refuelling a generator. His wife was also severely injured
- Charmain the wife of our Caretaker, Piet and the mother of Bro.Deon passed away in the early hours of the morning of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- Bro Any Murdoch Jnr, form Lodge Gordon
- Condolences to Bro David Crocker the RWM of Lodge NW Bedford, whose mother passed away.

*And so it has come to pass, a loved one, having completed all the design's 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. They shall be missed.*

### **Almoner's Call Centre**

When personal tragedy strikes, as it has done for many Brethren over the years, please call the Almoner's Call Centre at the District Grand Office, and one of the below mentioned Almoners will either contact you directly or ensure that someone with knowledge of that particular tragedy or trauma will contact the Brother concerned.

**I AM VERY HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE ALMONER'S CALL CENTRE SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL, ALBEIT, SLOWLY. HOWEVER,**

**THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN CONTACTED, HAVE FELT THE STRONG BOND OF BROTHERHOOD, WHICH EXTENDS FROM EACH OF US.**

**Brethren, although the above is a step in the right direction, it is incumbent on everyone to send by email, 'phone or any other means any news, good or not so good to the District Grand Almoners, so that we may offer our congratulations for good news or support and help for those who are in distress. All contact details are below.**

It is entirely contrary to a Freemasons creed that a fellow Brother or their connections must suffer in isolation. To this end we ask that you contact the District Grand Lodge and volunteer your assistance, or if you know of a Brother who may benefit from a kind word and support.

*In conclusion, please submit your message, whatever it is, to the District Grand Lodge to the contact numbers / address mentioned below:*

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Tel: 011 683 8314 Fax: 011683 3072

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Bro Rubin Sosa	082 549 3554	Gauteng
Bro Vic Allen	082 827 9285	Free State
Bro Eduard Mellaart	083 560 6033	Mpumalanga

