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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 I)

Albert Camus said, "It's not what you look at that matters – it's what you see." Freemasons tend to look at life differently, and so they often see things that the general populace do not see. With this in mind, let us look at a range of curious incidents which, while they do not pertain to Freemasonry specifically, are presented here to encourage brethren to take another, deeper look at life.

We begin by asking the question, "Are human beings immortal?" In other words, "Do we have souls?" The answer, unfortunately, is not as straightforward as one may think because the issue is rendered complex by the sensitive nature of the potential answers. This is primarily because when most people hear the word "soul" they think of religion – which is only one step away from a wrangling over the concepts of "heaven" and "hell." However, this is not the premise of this article (and those which are to follow). Here, "soul" is used in the sense of an eternal essence that is the (speculated) characterizing feature of every mortal. It is the life principle or, élan vital. That said, it nevertheless seems prudent to simply present the data as factually as possible and let each individual decide for himself whether this constitutes proof of an immortal soul, or whether these incidents are just peculiar phenomena which cannot possibly have a satisfactory conclusion. One thing is certain, however, the information given is 100% correct, and documentation exists to substantiate the legitimacy of each case.

The Transplanted Soul.

Professor Gary Schwartz and his co-workers at the

University of Arizona have documented numerous seemingly inexplicable experiences where recipients of a transplanted heart, heart-lungs, or even kidneys, took on some of the donor's personality traits.

In one amazing case cited by Professor Schwartz and his team, an 18-year-old boy who was fond of writing poetry, played musical instruments and composed songs was killed in a car crash. About a year after the boy had died his parents discovered a tape of a song the boy had written with, as we shall see, the eerie title "Danny, My Heart Is Yours." In his poignant lyrics, the boy sang about how he felt destined to die and donate his heart to someone in need of a new one. After his death, his heart was transplanted into an 18 year-old girl named ... Danielle, or Danny, for short.. When the boy's parents met Danielle, they played some of his music and she, despite never having heard the songs before, knew the words and was able to complete the lyrics. Professor Schwartz also investigated the case of a 29-year-old lesbian fast-food junkie who received the heart of a 19-year-old vegetarian woman described as "man crazy". After the transplant, she told her friends that meat now made her sick, and that she no longer found women attractive. If fact, shortly after the transplant she married a man.

SOURCE: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-558271/Can-really-transplant-human-soul.html>

But perhaps the most astounding case is that of a 47 year-old Claire Sylvia who was dying from a disease called primary pulmonary hypertension when, in 1988, she had a pioneering heart-lung transplant in America.

She was given the organs of an 18-year-old boy who had been killed in a motorcycle accident near his home in Maine. In an extract from her book A Change Of Heart, Claire tells her extraordinary story:

Because this was a pioneering operation the event received a lot of media attention and Claire recalls how she was visited by two reporters after her surgery. One of them asked, "Now that you've had this miracle, what do you want more than anything else?" To which she replied, "Actually, I'm dying for a beer right now." What makes this so unusual is that Claire didn't even like beer, but the craving was specifically for beer. As time went by Claire also developed a fondness for foods she never liked before - Kentucky Fried Chicken (takeaways), Snickers bars, and green peppers. One night Claire had a most intriguing dream. She dreamed she was in a grassy outdoor place, it was summer, and she found herself in the company of a tall, thin young man with

sandy-coloured hair. She recalls that his name was Tim - perhaps Tim Leighton, but she wasn't sure. "I thought of him as Tim L," she says, and adds, "We seemed to be good friends."

But here's the extraordinary thing: it turns out that the donor of Claire's new heart and lungs was 18 year-old Tim Lamirande - Tim L, if you will. Amazingly, Tim loved beer, green peppers, ... and Kentucky Chicken Nuggets! Reference: A Change Of Heart - A Memoir, by Claire Sylvia with William Novak. © Claire Sylvia and William Novak 1997. © Zak Theron 2009

By Bro. Zak Theron PM. Unity Lodge, 1006

POEM

HIS INITIATION

I heard three knocks on the Temple door,
and then it was opened wide:
I felt the grip of a Mason's hand,
as I slowly passed inside.
I was lowered down on bended knees,
as a prayer was said for me:
And I was helped to pass around,
for the Brethren all to see.
And all to me was black as night,
as my leader took me round:
And my racing heart, I heard more clear,
than the solemn organ's sound.
My faltering footsteps here and there,
were halted on the way;
And several questions were put to me,
as I struggled not to sway.
With my right hand resting on the "law,"
I took my obligation;
I swore I'd be a Mason true,
at my Initiation.
I shall not tell more what I saw,
or what to me was spoken;
But I saw the sign and heard the word,
and I felt the Mason's token.
I'll tell you this, that I heard a charge,
which I later learnt by heart;
and it told me all that a man should do,
as a Mason from the start.
It matters not if you pass the Chair,
or reach the highest station;
The best event of a Mason's life,
is his initiation.

By Bro. Jim Jordan

WORLD'S OLDEST BIBLE PUBLISHED IN FULL ONLINE

The world's oldest surviving Bible, which has been scattered around the globe for more than a century, has been published in full online.

By Chris Irvine

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Along with the Codex Vaticanus, the Codex Sinaiticus is considered the oldest known Bible in the world Photo: REUTERS

More than 800 surviving pages and fragments from the **The Codex Sinaiticus**, which was written in Greek on parchment leaves in the fourth century, have been reunited. Last year The British Library put The Book of Psalms and St Mark's Gospel online, and now the remaining pages have been made free for public use for the first time. Along with the Codex Vaticanus, the Codex Sinaiticus is considered the oldest known Bible in the world. Originally more than 1,460 pages long and measuring 16in by 14in, it was written by a number of hands around the time of Constantine the Great. It offers different versions of the Scriptures from later editions of the Bible, notably in St Mark's Gospel which ends 12 verses before later versions, omitting the appearance of the resurrected Jesus Christ. The reunification of the book is the culmination of a four-year collaboration between the British Library, Leipzig University Library in Germany, the Monastery of St Catherine in Mount Sinai, Egypt, and the National Library of Russia in St Petersburg, each of which hold different parts of the manuscript. They hope that by bringing together the digitised pages online, the project will help scholars worldwide to research in depth the Greek text, which is fully transcribed and cross-referenced. "The Codex Sinaiticus is one of the world's greatest written treasures," said Dr Scot McKendrick, Head of Western Manuscripts at the British Library. "This 1,600-year old manuscript offers a window into the development of early Christianity and first-hand evidence of how the text of the

Bible was transmitted from generation to generation. The project has uncovered evidence that a fourth scribe – along with the three already recognised – worked on the text; the availability of the virtual manuscript for study by scholars around the world creates opportunities for collaborative research that would not have been possible just a few years ago."

To mark the reunification, the British Library is also holding a new exhibition, open today that tells the story of the book. Professor David Parker from the University of Birmingham's Department of Theology, who directed the team which made the electronic transcription of the manuscript said the four-year process was a "huge challenge".

"The transcription includes pages of the Codex which were found in a blocked-off room at the Monastery of St Catherine in 1975, some of which were in poor condition," he said.

"This is the first time that they have been published. The digital images of the virtual manuscript show the beauty of the original and readers are even able to see the difference in handwriting between the different scribes who copied the text. We have even devised a unique alignment system which allows users to link with the images the transcription. This project has made a wonderful book accessible to a global audience."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/religion/574955/Worlds-oldest-Bible-published-in-full-online.html>

THE LOST WORD RE-DISCOVERED

by Dr. Gary D. Colby Union Station, Washington, DC May 29, 1995

Gentlemen:

I have an exciting announcement. I have found the lost word of a Master Mason! It is in the envelope before you - but don't open it yet! Armed with the lost word, our past brethren were recognized, honored, and welcomed around the world. They were leaders in and of their communities. They were policemen, businessmen, doctors, laborers, lawyers, and statesmen. Every town had a Masonic Lodge in its center, and every city had their Lodges packed end-to-end. Masons fed the hungry, clothed the naked, housed, educated, and protected the orphan. Our historic brethren were the cream of their communities. They knew who they were, and everyone else knew who they were. All because of a single word! Somewhere along the line, the word was lost. Masons forgot their word. They didn't pass it on. The new ones never learned it. In the space of a few years, it seems, no one knew the word anymore.

Today, many Masons don't seem to realize that there ever WAS such a word. But there was — and there is!

The word was a part of the foundation that Masonry was built upon. It is a part of the organization - lodged in a subterranean vault, if you will. Although the word may have disappeared from the minds of Masons, there it lies until future generations should discover it.

I claim not special genius or cunning in having discovered it. Instead, I feel rather like the Hun who discovered the

Great Wall of China in Gary Larson's "Far Side" comics, (a horse and rider plastered headlong against a wall- a man thinking "now where did THAT come from?")

The time has come gentlemen, for each of you now to re-discover the lost word. Open your envelopes please. "**RELEVANCE**" my Brothers, is the lost word of the Master Mason.

Once upon a time, our Fraternity was relevant. We did good work, and men were falling over one another to join us. We helped the poor. We aided the desperate. We did it together and we did it well! We were a Brotherhood, not a bureaucracy. Today, sadly, the reverse is more nearly true. We have lines of Grand Lodge Officers, lines of Lodge Officers, lines of this, committees of that, boards of some other thing, but where do those lines lead? Do they lead anywhere? Do they **LEAD** at all?

It comes down to three little words and one huge one:

HOW ARE WE RELEVANT? Today we can get 25 men together to present a 50-year pin. Heck! 25 men will **SEEK OUT** a Brother to give him a 50-year pin! Meanwhile, Johnny at the school down the street **CAN'T READ**, his playground's falling down around him, and he's afraid to go home because the rats come out of his walls at night! Granted, in its present state, our Fraternity can't fix all these things, or even most of them, but **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

We're worried about the hole in widow Harrison's screen door, and next month we're giving a \$100 scholarship to some Mason's kid who's going to go to college whether he gets the money or not. Oh, and then of course we're going to pat ourselves on the back and applaud some more. Now don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with helping Masons more frequently than non-Masons. However, if we're going to wonder why the members of our communities aren't joining us, we ought to try to see ourselves the way they see us. What do Masons do that is relevant to people in our community?

Okay - we help purchase cancer cars, or perhaps we host a blood drive now and again, and sometimes we invite the Boy Scouts over, but hey! Who doesn't? What sets Masonry apart from other organizations? Why do we expect that men will join us instead of the Lion's Club, the Moose, the Elks, the Civitans, the Puritans, the Rotary Club and so on and on. At the moment, our best answer seems to be: Secrets! Big Secrets! Big Important Secrets!

Frankly, I think we've been riding on the coattails of our past brethren for quite a long time now. I think that men join us today because they want to join a social club, and they've heard of Freemasonry's glorious past. I think if potential candidates knew what a mess the Fraternity is in at this moment, we'd be even in more dire straits than we are now - The research done by the Masonic Renewal Task Force which was commissioned, and then ignored, by the Conference of Grand Masters in the USA indicates what men want: -they want social opportunities - both for themselves and for their families.-they want opportunities to serve their communities - they want to get their hands dirty, not just to write checks.-they want to learn to become better leaders, and they want to eventually try their hands at

leading. **THIS IS RELEVANCE! THIS IS WHAT MEN WANT!** Because we're not offering these things now, few men are joining - and they're not going to join until we do offer them!

Today's men don't want us to waste their time reading minutes and introducing guests. Our surveys show us they don't want ritual, they don't want to be preached at, they don't want to "reflect on the happy memories consequent upon a well-spent life and die in the hope of a glorious immortality" **THEY WANT TO LIVE! Here! Today!**

Now!

They come to us because they want us to provide them with the opportunities to meet, serve, and lead - and, if our Fraternity's going to survive, we're going to have to provide them with those opportunities. **THAT IS OUR CHALLENGE! THAT IS BEING RELEVANT!**—and **THAT** is what is going to carry us into the 21st Century and beyond. Prepare the necessary number of envelopes with the word "**RELEVANT**" on a piece of paper inside each. Place the envelope on each seat in the lodge or else have the envelopes delivered to each person before the talk is begun. It would help if the words "Do not open until requested to do so" were printed on the outside of each envelope.

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QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Never forget that life can only be nobly inspired and rightly lived if you take it bravely and gallantly, as a splendid adventure.—Annie Besant

The truth that makes men free is for the most part the truth which men prefer not to hear: Herbert Sebastien Agar

The lessons we intend to teach are not always the same as the lessons learned.— Marilyn LaCourt

Generosity with strings is not generosity: it is a deal.— Marya Mannes

NZ MASON JAILED OVER SORCERY CLAIMS

4:00AM Thursday Jul 16, 2009

By [Andrew Koubaridis](#)

The Masons were told they could be jailed for 48 hours without charge. Photo / Rotorua Daily Post

A New Zealand man spent a "wretched" night in a Fiji prison cell after frightened residents and police raided his Freemasons meeting, suspecting witchcraft and sorcery. The man, who didn't want to be named, blamed "dopey village people" for the raid in which 14 members of the

Freemasons Lodge of Lautoka were herded into police cars and jailed for the night. Police also seized lodge paraphernalia, including wands, compasses and a skull. Yesterday, the man told the *Herald* that Tuesday night's meeting was "interrupted by a banging on the door and there were these village people and the police demanding to be let in".

Nothing sinister had been going on but "such is the nature of life in Fiji" they were taken to a nearby police station, he said. The Masons were told nothing of the allegations against them, but were warned that under Fiji's emergency decree, they could be jailed for 48 hours without charge. The lodge secretary showed police a copy of the permit allowing the meeting, but was told the permit was not the problem. The commanding police officer then disappeared, leaving the 14 men to spend the night in the cells.

"It was hot and wasn't very comfortable, because there was nowhere to lie down," the man said. "The officers who were guarding us were pleasant, though, chatting away to us."

At 8.30am yesterday, an officer let them go, saying the Prime Minister's office had ordered they be released. The man said he was outraged that overly suspicious villagers had been able to convince police to "totally abuse their power". He said the police should have told the villagers to calm down.

"The stupidity is overwhelming. Virtually unlimited power is placed in the hands of bungling police, who have no judgment or sense of balance, so, at the whim of an uneducated villager, 14 senior members of society had to spend a night locked up."

A police spokesman said the men were arrested because police had been tipped off that a meeting was being held and there were "some strange goings-on".

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10584756

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT:

<http://anti-masonry.info/> -For a reasoned, detailed response to anti-masonic attacks. Made by the excellent Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon website.
<http://esotericmasons.com/> -An attempt to bring both the ancient and esoteric teachings of Freemasonry to the public.
<http://freemasonry.fm/References.html> - links to some interesting Masonics sites

UNDERSTANDING OUR LAWS AND BYE-LAWS

Law 227- A Past Master of a Lodge does not rank as such in any other Lodge of which he is a member but not a Past Master. He may be received in the last mentioned Lodge as a visiting Past Master only if he becomes clothed as such.

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A DEBATE- Should some lodges change the way they do things?

In the past, most Lodges had a plethora of Past Masters, who, when a weak leader was installed into the Chair of King Solomon, supported him and the result was that the Lodge continued to prosper and thrive. However, in the current state of affairs, there are less Past Masters, due to death, ill health or many of them retiring to other climes. This combined with the fact that there has been, in recent years, a lessening of new members, resulted in a general weakening of some Lodges to the extent that they have already handed back their charters or are about to in the near future. In spite of this, every Lodge I've come into contact with, cling desperately to the age old and sometimes, completely useless, tradition of maintaining the proverbial 'ladder system' of promotion.

We often hear the desperate cry, "why is Freemasonry doing so badly?" Surely the answer lies in bad or weak leadership that often results in electing a Brother solely because he was the Senior Warden, irrespective of his ability to manage and lead his Lodge in such a way that will instil enthusiasm and pride in the principles of our Order and thereby encourage new membership. This system of promotion depends not on ability but seniority, just like working for the government, when every year or so, you will automatically go to the next salary band on the basis that you've been there for yet another year and it must be said that this system in government has time and again led to ridiculous levels of incompetence. Why do we think that it is different in our Lodges, given the above situation?

A lot of Past Masters, go back into the 'Chair' just to fill in till the next most senior Master Mason is elected, again, on the basis of seniority. Very often the Past Master, has, in his own words, "done my bit." Well, so much for his enthusiasm! Who can blame him, he probably has? Here's a suggestion, why don't we as a whole identify potential managers and groom them to lead the Lodge, even if he is a fairly junior office bearer? I'm don't mean that a Steward should be made Master because he is the CEO of a corporation, that would be equally ridiculous, but surely, for many Lodges, we are talking about survival, not just hurting someone's feelings? Surely it would be better break some traditions rather than break the Lodge? Here's the unanswerable question, "how many members have we lost due to indifferent or bad leadership,"

And more importantly, "how many more must we lose because the very members we are trying to teach are not taught properly and they quite literally don't know what

they are doing, and therefore cannot see the point of our Order at all?" It is the Master's job to try and instil the enthusiasm, 'by example and precept,' that will encourage new members and even existing members to actively grow our Lodges. Again, we need good management skills to be successful.

Another aspect to this debate is the often mooted viewpoint that we should prioritise our lives like this:

1. Family, 2. Work and 3. Freemasonry. Who, in all conscience can argue with that? Certainly not me. However, the more I travel around, and meet various Brethren, the more I'm convinced that this is used more and more as an excuse to not do anything at all. The result is very often that some hapless Past Master ends up doing most of the ritual and the Brethren sit in the columns, not participating and not learning the meaning of our ceremonies. Of course these Brethren are prime candidates to eventually resign and leave. Again, it is the Master's job to discourage this and to encourage the participation of every member of his Lodge. But so often, I see a shrug of shoulders, as if to say, "it's not my problem."

Well, if you are occupying the Chair of King Solomon, it certainly is your problem. Once again, only men skilled in good management techniques will be able to do this properly. It would be interesting to read of other points of view on this very sticky subject and I look forward to an interesting debate.

By Roger Edmed PM, Golden Thistle Lodge No. 744 SC

ROBERT BURNS ODE 'PENNYED BY AMERICAN'

Historian AJ Morton says [The Master's Apron](#) was composed by a publisher and politician from New Hampshire. From The Sunday Times, May 10, 2009



A poem regarded as Robert Burns's most famous ode to freemasonry was actually written by an American almost a century after the bard's death, it has been claimed. AJ Morton, an authority on masonic history from Ayrshire, says he has established that The Master's Apron was composed by Henry Oakes Kent, an editor, publisher and politician from New Hampshire. The poem was attributed to Kent in an American periodical, the Granite State Monthly, in 1882, 20 years before it was first linked to Burns, who

died in 1796. According to Morton, the verse, written in Scots, was penned by Kent as a tribute to Burns, who had become an icon of the organisation in the late 19th century.

Morton believes it was later mistakenly attributed to him by American masons who came to believe it was the work of the bard, in part due to wishful thinking. Kent was a wealthy businessman who ran as the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Hampshire in 1894. He was an active Scottish Rite Freemason, organising masonic processions through his hometown of Lancaster. Morton believes he wrote the poem during or for a masonic dinner there. "In the late 19th century, freemasonry was seen by many as very closely entwined with Robert Burns. Kent may have been asked to offer a little poem for a masonic event," he said. Morton said he decided to research the origins of The Master's Apron after doubts were raised about its provenance by Dr Paul Rich, a leading American authority on freemasonry. "As a masonic historian, I thought I could track down the answer for him," he said. "A lot of academics thought it could not have been by Burns, but none seemed able to stick their neck out and say here is the evidence. To be honest, all it took was a few clicks in an online archive and there it was." Morton's findings will be presented by Rich at the 2nd International Conference on the History of Freemasonry in Edinburgh later this month. "We find it, attributed to Burns, on hundreds of websites. It is like claiming that haggis is a Serbian dish and that Auld Lang Syne started life as a Spanish guitar piece," said Rich. "People like to believe it was written by the bard. A few minutes on the internet is enough to demolish the notion." Dr Gerard Carruthers, director of Glasgow University's Centre for Robert Burns Studies, said he was convinced that the poem was not Burns's work. "AJ Morton has done a fine piece of historical detective work," he said. "Burns's work became common currency among expatriate Scots during the 19th century and a number of people in north America with no Scots ancestry came under his influence and were producing work after his style." Carruthers added that some Scots words used in the poem would not have been used by a native speaker. Robert Cooper, curator of Edinburgh's Grand Lodge, said: "We can create a timeline and a location, which is great because we have a starting point. That is part of the way history is written."

ALMONER'S CORNER

We call on all Lodge Secretaries / Almoners or indeed any Brother to let us know what is happening in their area of the District. It is the aim of the District Grand Almoner's office to provide a forum for a Brother to submit his thoughts on a deceased Brother or his partner, and of course, his congratulations and / or greetings for happier events such as initiations, 2nd degrees and 3rd degrees. As a Brotherhood, we would all appreciate the opportunity to be a part of and share and or offer support in these very important events in the lives of our Brethren.

Obituary Column

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

- **Avril Grant**, Bro John Grant's beloved wife sadly passed away on Sunday, 19th July. Avril (53) passed away after a short illness. Avril was a devout member of her Church and was often involved with missionary work in and outside South Africa. She was well loved in her community. Bro John, our most sincere condolences, prayers and thoughts go to you, your daughter, Meagan and family.
- **Bro Robert Alan Cullen (Hon. DGJW)** passed to the Grand Lodge above in June at the age of 87. He joined Inyati Lodge in Natal as a Lewis after World War 2. Then, after moving to Johannesburg, he joined Lodge Somah Herber, where he served as RWM in 1969 and again in 1979. He was highly respected and enthusiastic Mason and he will be sadly missed. Bro Cullen was active in many Masonic Orders. He is survived by his wife Dora, four married children, and several grand-children.
- **Bro James Sauls** had been a very active mason in his day and had the distinction of being the District Grand Master of then Southern Rhodesia before he came to South Africa some years ago. James was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, obtaining his 32nd degree. Despite that, he was always cheerful and positive, bringing a bit of light to each meeting. He will be missed.

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.

Brethren and Families

- Bro Darryl Phillips underwent gall bladder removal surgery and is improving steadily.
- Bro Bernie Bortz, PDGM was admitted for tests and procedures recently. He has since been discharged and we wish him well and may he have a complete recovery.

Welcome and Congratulations go to the following Brethren:

- Bro Oscar Lowe – Passed to the 2nd degree June in Lodge Herodom
- Bro Tino Gabryk – Initiated July in Lodge Sound Memory
- Bro Neil Du Toit – Passed to the 2nd Degree in July in Lodge East Rand Scots
- Bro Douglas Parsons – Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Lodge Zion
- Bro Peter Gill - Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Golden Thistle Lodge

- Bro Mathew Wilkie – Passed to the 2nd Degree in July in Lodge Brixton
- Bro Franscois Erasmus – Initiated July in Losie Oranje
- Bro Grant Wilkinson – Initiated July in Lodge Herodom

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

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.

District Grand Lodge's 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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10	Sound Memory	Recess	Orange Grove
10	Alberton	TBA	Germiston
11	Heredom	3rd Degree	Boksburg North
11	King Solomon	TBA	Germiston Boksburg North
12	Benoni Kilwinning	TBA	North
13	Kempton	TBA	Kempton Park
13	Peglerae Roodepoort	TBA	Rustenburg
13	Caledon	TBA	Roodepoort
13	Brakpan	TBA	Brakpan
13	Golden Thistle	3rd Degree	Park Lane
14	Northern Province	TBA	Orange Grove
15	Middelburg United	Installation	Middleburg
15	Laeveld	TBA	Nelspruit
17	Zion	TBA	Orange Grove
17	Liberty	TBA	The Willows
18	St Andrew Cairngorm	1st Degree	Kensington
18	Republic	3rd Degree	Orange Grove
20	Pythagoras	TBA	Park Lane
20	Virginia	TBA	Riebeeckstad
21	Tvl Volunteer	TBA	Park Lane
22	Thistle	Installation	Bloemfontein
22	Border	Installation	Vereeniging
24	Braemar	TBA	Rewlatch
26	Argyll	3rd Degree	Roodepoort
25	Orpheus	TBA	The Willows
26	Oranje	3rd Degree	Bloemfontein
26	Somah Herber	3rd Degree	Park Lane
27	Brixton	1st Degree	Norwood
27	Glen Douglas	TBA	Rewlatch
27	Sabie	TBA	Nelspruit Boksburg
27	East Rand Scots	Installation	North
	Robbie Burns		
28	Mem	1st Degree	Germiston

MASONIC DIARY

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4	Jakaranda	TBA	The Willows
5	Cosmos	TBA	Witbank Boksburg
5	Eenheid	TBA	South
6	Caledonian	TBA	Germiston
6	Balmoral	Lecture	Olifantsfontein
6	Randfontein	TBA	Randfontein
6	Athol	Lecture	Boksburg
7	Scotia	Installation	Orange Grove Boksburg
9	Ophirton	Mark	North
10	Discoverers	TBA	Roodepoort

